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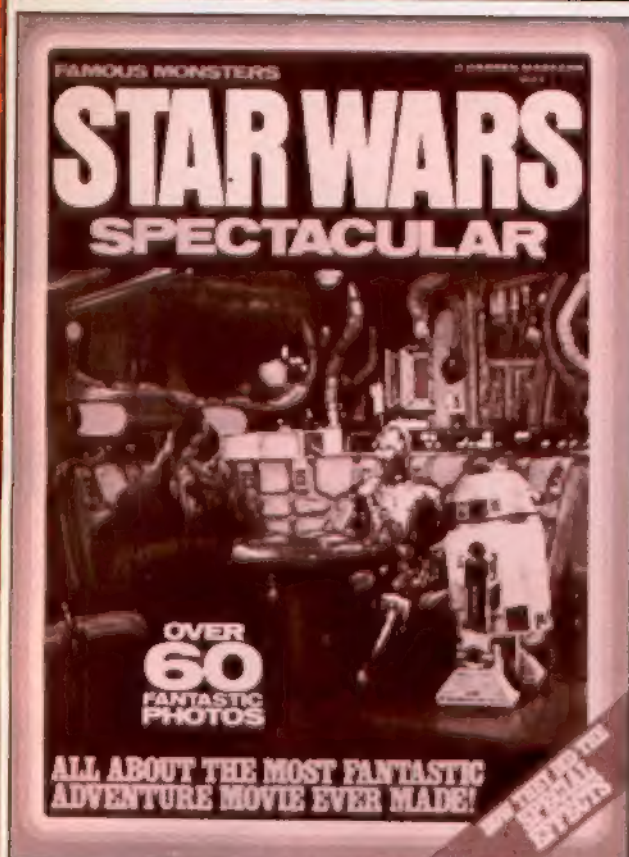
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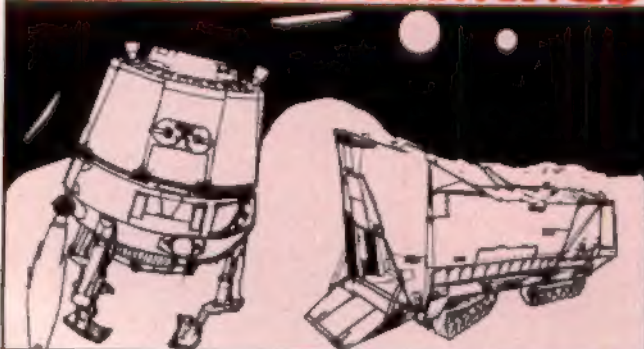
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13 THE SHOW MUST GO ON The girl and her trained beast were left stranded on the planet when the circus closed. Drowning her sorrow at the local saloon, she met the gunfighter who had more things in mind than a showdown.

19 A WOMAN SCORNE The only way they would ever be able to return to Kansas was if Pam could recall the place. He tried to help her remember Kansas and how the entire affair occurred but his powers were limited in lizard form!

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35 THE COMIC BOOKS Fanzine publishers often work on narrow profit margins so they are always looking for ways to save a small amount of money. J.B. warns of one scheme which could end up costing more dollars than it saves!

36 THE ROOK:EDGE SURFERS The Rook had gone too far this time, to the edge of the universe at the beginning of time. He was not alone. The matter surfers were there along with a different universe which was on collision course!

Bear Cousin Eerie,

First "Star Wars" has robots similar to Rook. Now David Gerrold writes a script for "Logan's Run" in which a Time Traveler goes into the future in a device very similar to the chess piece Time Castler. Warren Publishing must be doing something right to have its creations copied!

"Boiling Point" would have been more exciting if it had had a different locale. There have been too many stories set in the New York City subway system. How about next time using Washington or anywhere else that has subways!

And when Detective Tony Sanguino finds the subway killer, his next assignment should be to locate the missing third rail! The story just showed two rails and not the third rail needed to supply power to the subway trains!

Perhaps the artist of that story should be sent down the nearest subway just to see what he missed!

Ed Wojcik
Detroit, Mich.



Third rail, indeed! Your old Cousin Eerie has located it and is in the process of feeding it, piece by piece, to those responsible for trying to run a subway without it! If Warren awarded "no-prizes," Ed, you'd be holding one in your hands right now!

"Deathball, 2100 A.D. had all the subtlety of a steam hammer!"

Congratulations on EERIE #88! When I saw that cover (Humans vs. Aliens in the sports battle of the Universe), I knew Warren had another winner!

"Deathball: 2100 A.D." is a story that belongs in the EERIE hall of fame!

MARK GILLESPIE
Jefferson, Ore.

"With 'Star Wars' and 'Logan's Run' copying The Rook, Warren must be doing something right!"

EERIE #88 was terrific!

The basketball cover by Don Maitz was spectacular and would make a great poster.

The Rook episode, "Futur-shock" was one of the best I've read.

The only bad article was by Joe Brancatelli, who shows how much he knows about music by saying that Kiss is a crummy group, when they are really the best around!

In my opinion, EERIE is the best magazine of its kind, but will be even better when Joe Brancatelli leaves.

JERRY ANTONUCCI
Rome, N.Y.

I want to speak out in protest! I know that Mr. Brancatelli's opinions are his own, and that Warren Publishing isn't responsible for his warped views on the subject of music, but I do wish to know why Warren would print his opinion and not mine! Or anyone else's for that matter.

What makes this fellow so special that he can say whatever pops into his head and get credit, fame, and even paid for it?

I, personally, would rather read my fellow readers' letters in a two page letter section. Or, as of old, I would like to see amateur writing and art—like in the old Fan Club pages.

Joe Brancatelli's column was a good idea, but it has already run longer than most of the series in EERIE. And like EERIE'S heroes—as well as bad guys—they all must die some time. Why don't you let Joe Brancatelli rest in peace in his own opinions?

BILLY CULVER
Harbinger, Tex.

The Rook series is good, mind you, but I don't think it deserves the praise it is getting—or the popularity it seems to have with Warren readers. Luis Bermejo's art is just not up to the high quality standards I've come to expect from him!

And "Sallywag," though it has good art by Jose Ortiz, seems to have gone downhill story wise. Budd Lewis was at one time an excellent writer, but he seems to have run out of ideas.

The same goes for Bruce Jones, who in the past few years has produced some of Warren's very best material. ("Jenifer," "In Deep," and "Yellow Heat" are prime examples) but his last few attempts have been only fair—as with "Boiling Point."

"Deathball" was good, but "Junkyard Battles" was, by far, the highlight of the issues. I can't tell you how much I've wanted to see Auraleon's fantastic artwork grace the pages of EERIE again.

KIERAN DIAMOND
Philadelphia, Pa.

As for Joe Brancatelli's column in EERIE #88, I must admit that this was the first time I've ever understood what he was writing about. In general, I don't like Kiss. Their act is great, but face it, their music is outdone by nearly every major pop star in the business.

FRANK MURPHINE
Millville, N.J.



I love the re-vamped "Sallywag" series, "The Black Demon's Sword!" I'd always liked "Sallywag" but never as much as this. If Budd Lewis keeps on like this, he may yet become one of Warren's finest writers!

ALEX RUDNOV
New York, N.Y.

Finally Bruce Jones is contributing another series to EERIE... and the magazine is all the better for it! "Boiling Point" is a real thriller... possibly one of the best series EERIE has featured ever!

MICKEY SMITH
Topeka, Ks.

The EERIE #88 was the best overall issue in a long while—since #81, in fact. It would seem that the plan to retreat from the all-series format to one mixing series with a number of short stories will prove best... judging by the issue's definite jump in quality.

After what was little more than a fill-in episode in EERIE #87, Luis Bermejo turned in his best art yet. Bill Dubay's script, "Future Shock" though a bit depressing, was, for a change, meaningful!

There was a time when I didn't particularly care for the "Sallywag" series. The early episodes had nothing going for them except Jose Ortiz' fairly excellent artwork. But with the creation of "The Black Demon's Sword" episodes, Budd Lewis' storyline has become innovative. He has learned to concentrate more on plot and less on developing a character (as distinct from "characterization") and that makes for a far more involving, literate series.

In "Deathball: 2100 A.D.," Bill Mohalley and Nick Cuti drilled their message home with all the subtlety of a steam hammer. But I just can't complain too loudly. After all, how often nowadays do we get a complete story penciled and inked by Dick Giordano?

After only one episode, "Boiling Point" appears to be Bruce Jones' best effort to date. Leo Sanchez' art was the nicest I've seen from him also! This series could be one to watch.

"Junkyard Battles," another non-series (I presume) story, was an old-fashioned tale from Nick Cuti... a respite from the steady diet of heavily-psychologized stories of recent years (not that I'm against that type of story... just a steady diet)! That, coupled with long-awaited art by Auraleon, gave me a truly enjoyable ten minutes' reading!

BRIAN CADEN
Cincinnati, Oh.

"Junkyard Battles" was my favorite story! Nick Cuti really kept me guessing on that one, all the way to the last panel!

DAVID GOODWIN
Queens, N.Y.

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PROLOGUE



IF YOU HADN'T ARGUED WITH **STORM-TREE** OVER SOMETHING AS STUPID AS THE COLOR OF HIS WAND, YOU WOULDN'T BE WALKING ON ALL FOURS.





LOOK, THE BEAST
HAS LED US STRAIGHT
TO FOOD!

WHO WANTS
LEFTOVERS WHEN
THEY CAN HAVE FRESH
MEAT?



AGGHH!

CARRION

SLOWLY AT FIRST, THE BEAST TURNED. THE GHOULS SAW, IN THAT MONSTROUS FACE, A GRIEF AND HATRED OF TRULY COSMIC PROPORTIONS.

THE BEAST WAS **GRATEFUL** NOW FOR THE WIZARD'S SPITEFUL MAGIC. AS A MAN, HE COULD **NEVER** CARRY OUT THE **REVENGE** HE WAS ABOUT TO UNDERTAKE.

THE GHOULS STOOD PETRIFIED, KNOWING THEIR DOOM HAD COME.





THAT WAS SOME TEMPER
TANTRUM! JUST TORE'M UP...
DIDN'T CHECK TO SEE IF I
WAS ALL RIGHT.

ARE YOU KIDDING?
I'D BE GLAD TO HAVE
YOU OFF MY BACK...
LITERALLY!

SOMETHING'S
FAMILIAR ABOUT THE
YOUNG ONE...I'VE SEEN
HIM BEFORE, SOMEWHERE.

URP!

THEY RESUMED THEIR JOURNEY,
PRAYING THAT THEY WOULD PASS
SAFELY BEFORE THE NEXT STORM.
THEY WERE BOUND FOR VELORE,
ACROSS THE HAUNTED MOUNTAINS,
WHERE LIVED THE EXILED HEALER
CALLED OL' SARK.



HIS MAGIC HAD NEVER BEEN AS
STRONG AS STORMTREE'S...WHICH
WAS WHY HE WAS BANISHED...
YET THEY HOPED HE COULD UNDO
THE WIZARD'S BEASTLY EN-
CHANTMENTS.

I FOUND IT IN THE
JUNGLE, BESIDE A PIECE OF
FLESHLESS CARRION, GREAT
WIZARD. 'TIS THE RING OF YOUR
NEPHEW, STANLEY. NEARBY
WERE MONSTROUS FOOT-
PRINTS!

SLAIN BY A DEVIL OF MY
OWN CREATION...MORGA, WHOM
I TURNED INTO A BEAST, HE HAS
ILL SUCCEEDED. (I DISINHERITED MY
IDIOT NEPHEW CYCLES AGO...)YET
THIS BRAZEN CHALLENGE CAN-
NOT GO UNANSWERED!



AT A MUTTERED INCANTATION
THE GLASS IN STORMTREE'S
MAGIC MIRROR CLOUDED
OVER...THEN CLEARED TO
REVEAL...

THEY STAND AT THE
BASE OF THE MOUNTAINS OF
EVIL, BUT THEY SHALL NEVER
CROSS THOSE HAUNTED HILLS.



THE HAUNTED MOUNTAINS: LEGENDS ARE TOLD OF WAILING SPIRITS WHO SHRIEK MADNESS AT THE CLOUDS THERE...MAGIC DEVILS WHO WALK LIKE MEN...OF **ALL** MANNER OF EVIL.

THE BEAST HAD SCARCELY TAKEN HIS FIRST STEP WHEN IT STARTED TO SNOW.



NIGHTFALL. A BLIZZARD SWEEP THE ICY MOUNTAINS. WIND HOWLED WITH THE REGRETS OF THE DAMNED. EXHAUSTED... HALF-FROZEN, THEY STUMBLED INTO AN ABANDONED MINESHAFT.



THE BEAST KNEW THAT THE SHELTER WAS INADEQUATE--THE GIRL SHIVERED VIOLENTLY--BUT THE OLD MINESHAFT WAS THE BEST HE COULD FIND.

SLEEP WAS HELD AT BAY BY DARK DREAMS AND THE GIRL'S VEHEMENT COUGHING. FINALLY, NEAR DAWN...



LISTEN, DO YOU HEAR IT? SOMETHING'S OUT THERE!

THE SORCERER'S SNOWMAN, FASHIONED OF GOLD CRYSTAL AND MAGICALLY ANIMATED, TOOK A WOBBLY TENTATIVE STEP TOWARD THE BEAST.



I SENSE THE HAND OF **STORMTREE** IN THIS! ONLY HE COULD CREATE SUCH A MONSTROSITY!



ROAAARRR

AKKHHH



SICK, HUNGRY, EXHAUSTED, SHE NONE THELESS SCALED THE TIMBER. ANGRY NORTHERN WINDS HINDERED THE CLIMB, STILL SHE PULLED HERSELF UPWARD...



...AND CLUNG FEEBLY TO A SNOW-COVERED LIMB...

IF MY AIM IS FALSE, WE DIE HERE.



...AND HURLED HER SPEAR!



THE SHRIEK OF THE BLINDED SNOW-BEAST WAS HER VICTORY CRY. BUT HER STRENGTH DRAINED, SHE SLIPPED FROM THE BRANCH AND WAS SWALLOWED BY THE SNOW.

EVENTUALLY THE CRIES OF THE SNOW-BEAST CEASED.



SO IT WAS THE WORK OF SORCERY! BUT WHAT HAVE I DONE TO SO ANGER STORMTREE?



ESCAPED! SOON THEY'LL BE OUT OF RANGE OF MY POWER!

STRONGER MAGIC IS CALLED FOR! STANLEY, EVEN DEAD, YOU CAUSE PROBLEMS!

EVEN WITH THE EARLY MORNING LIGHT, REFLECTING ORANGE OFF THE GLISTENING CRYSTAL SURFACE, THE BEAST THOUGHT THAT **HERE**, UNDOUBTEDLY, WAS THE COLDEST, MOST DESOLATE SPOT ON **URTH**.



THEY POPPED OUT OF THE FROZEN TUNDRA, FACES COLD AND GREY AS THE WINTER PLAINS, THOUGH SOME HAD NO FACES AT ALL.



THOUGH THEY WERE LITTLE MORE THAN PETRIFIED CARRION, THEY WERE FORMIDABLE BY VIRTUE OF NUMBERS. THE GIRL WAS TOO WEAK FOR BATTLE...



THE ICE ZOMBIES WERE BRITTLE. WHEN STRUCK, THEY SHATTERED LIKE GLASS, BUT IN DOZENS THEY STEPPED OUT OF THE DAWN. HOW MANY HAD THE MOUNTAIN CONQUERED.



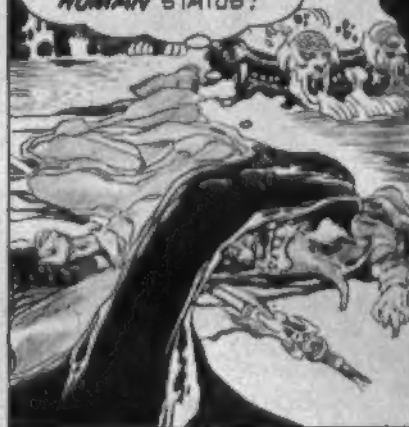
LOUDER, FASTER, STORMTREE CHANTED, SUMMONING MORE SOULS TO HIS CAUSE. HE WAS NEARLY DELIRIOUS WITH EXCITEMENT AND POWER; HIS MIND AND WILL WERE CONCENTRATED, WITH UNSWERVING PURPOSE.

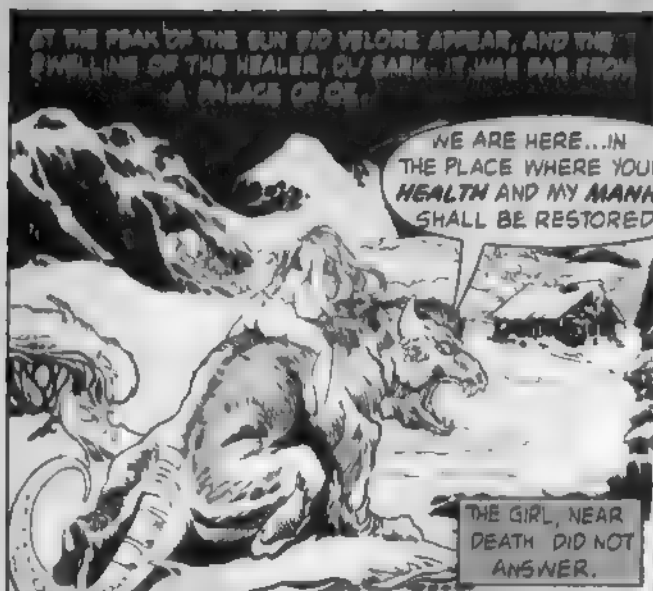


THEN THE STRAIN BECAME TOO GREAT. THE WIZARD COLLAPSED.

TOO OLD...HAVEN'T THE **ENDURANCE** TO WIN. BUT HE WON'T HAVE THE SATISFACTION OF **TOTAL VICTORY**. I'M STILL STRONG ENOUGH TO MAINTAIN THE CURSE...

UNTIL I'VE DRAWN MY LAST BREATH, MORGAN SHALL NEVER AGAIN REGAIN **HUMAN STATUS**!





AT THE PEAK OF THE SUN DID VELORE APPEAR, AND THE
SMELLING OF THE HEALER, OL' STARK. IT WAS FAR FROM
A PALACE OF OR.

WE ARE HERE...IN
THE PLACE WHERE YOUR
HEALTH AND MY MANHOOD
SHALL BE RESTORED.

THE GIRL, NEAR
DEATH DID NOT
ANSWER.



I AM TRAPP, THE
HEALER'S MANSERVANT. MY
MASTER HAS GONE ON A
JOURNEY...IN THREE DAYS WILL
HE RETURN. YOU ARE WELCOME
TO WAIT AND MEANWHILE ENJOY
HIS HOSPITALITY.

I KNOW ENOUGH OF
MY MASTER'S METHODS
TO KEEP THE GIRL ALIVE
UNTIL HIS ARRIVAL!



SHE WILL BE SAFE
AND COMFORTABLE INSIDE
BUT I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T
ANY QUARTERS LARGE
ENOUGH TO ACCOMMODATE
YOU!

DON'T CONCERN
YOURSELF. I'LL--

OL' STARK WILL NOT
RETURN THREE DAYS HENCE.
HE NEVER EVEN WENT AWAY!
HE'S DEAD...DEVoured...TAKEN
BY SURPRISE, BY HIS FAITHFUL,
TRUSTED MANSERVANT!



THE MOMENT THAT TRAPP KICKED THE DOOR
SHUT. THE MOMENT MORGAN LOOKED INTO
THOSE EVIL, DEEP, AND HUNGRY EYES.
THAT'S WHEN HE KNEW.

SLAM

AND THAT'S WHEN HE ACTED...



...RIPPING THE
CABIN APART!

IT SEEMED, AT FIRST, THAT BLIND HATRED WOULD PREVAIL.
THE BEAST CLUTCHED, SQUEEZED AND THROTTLED THE OLD
MAN AND WOULD'VE KILLED HIM BUT FOR ONE THOUGHT:
WITH TRAPP DEAD, WHO WOULD BE LEFT TO SAVE JAMMA?
OR TO DISMANTLE HIM?

H-HUNGRY...SO
HUNGRY...COULDN'T HELP
IT! I KNOW IT'S UNFOR-
GIVEABLE, BUT THERE WAS
NO OTHER WAY TO SURVIVE!

CRACK
KER-

RASH

YOUR LIFE IS SPARED
ONLY SO LONG AS THE GIRL
LIVES! YOUR LAST BREATH
SHALL FOLLOW HERS.



SOON...

HER WOUNDS ARE TREATED AND CLEANED, BUT SHE WON'T SURVIVE LONG WITHOUT FOOD.

OL' SARK BECAME TOO OLD AND FEEBLE TO PROVIDE. HE STARVED... I WOULD HAVE TOO, IF NOT FOR THE SPARSE MEAT HIS BONES PROVIDED. BUT THERE IS NOTHING MORE TO EAT!

LATER, WHEN THE GIRL HAD EATEN AND RESTED, HER HEALTH AND COLOR SLOWLY RETURNED.

WITH THE HEALER DEAD, I'M DOOMED TO LIVE OUT MY DAYS IN THIS MONSTROUS SHELL. AG FOR YOU...

THE VALLEYS OF HERALDO ARE BUT A FORTNIGHT'S RIDE. IT IS WHISPERED THAT THEY ARE RICH, FERTILE, STOCKED WITH GAME, NOT LIKE THESE FORSAKEN LANDS.

WITHOUT PROVISIONS, THERE IS NO WAY WE COULD SURVIVE THE JOURNEY.



TRAPP, A MAN WHO HAS EATEN THE CARRION OF ANOTHER IS CAPABLE OF ANYTHING! SELF-PRESERVATION IS STILL THE STRONGEST INSTINCT.

GAKKH!

SO YOU, MORE THAN ANYONE, MUST REALIZE THE NECESSITY OF WHAT I DO.

SO WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

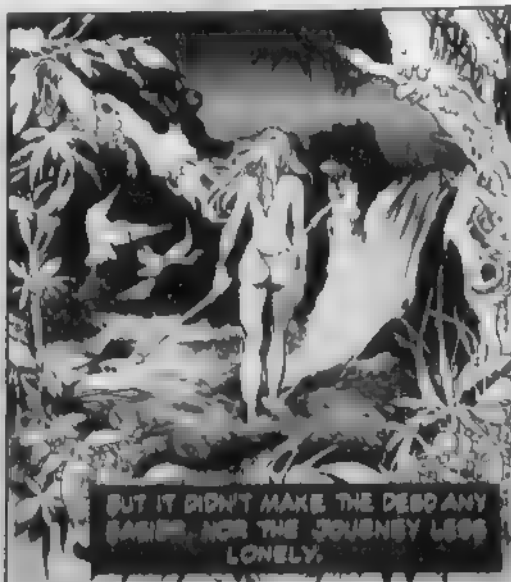
TOGETHER, NO! BUT ONE OF US COULD MAKE IT... YOU!

LOOK AT THE FLESH ON MY BONES... MORE THAN ENOUGH TO CARRY YOU THROUGH THE DISTANCES. WE'VE GOT TO FACE REALITY... EITHER ONE DIES OR BOTH DIE! AND MY SKIN IS MORE VALUABLE THAN MY SPIRIT AT THIS POINT.



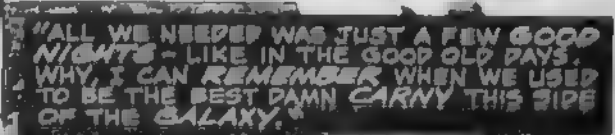
SHE THOUGHT ABOUT THAT, FOR A LONG, LONG TIME. INWARDLY, THOUGH HER MIND SCREAMED PROTEST AND HER EYES WELLED WITH TEARS, SOMEWHERE DOWN IN HER BUT SHE KNEW HE WAS RIGHT.

THERE WAS NO OTHER WAY.



BUT IT DIDN'T MAKE THE DEED ANY EASIER, NOR THE JOURNEY LESS LONELY.

THE SHOW MUST GO ON!



"MUCH'S I HATE TO ADMIT IT THE ONLY THING I COULD DO WAS RACK IT IN... THE BARNY WAS BROKE AN I DIDN'T EVEN HAVE ENOUGH CREDITS TO GET OUT'A TOWN..."

'SQUEEK'
THAT OLD HEAP...
'SKRUKK'... TWELVE
UNITS... AND... 'SQUORK!'
NOT A DROME
MORE!

TWELVE UN-- THAT'S
INTERSTELLAR
THIEVERY YOU
OLD WHEELER
DEALER!

'SQUKK' LADY,
PLEASE NO FLATTERY
'SQOPP'... TWELVE,
AND THAT'S MY FINAL
OFFER... 'SKRUUU'
... TAKE IT OR
LEAVE IT.

I TOOK IT, I HATE
REALLY HAVE MUCH
CHOICE...

C'MON, TOLK...
AT LEAST NOW WE
CAN GET US SOME-
THIN' TO...

HMMM--
LOOKS LIKE
THIS'S THE ONLY
PLACE OPEN.

BEST
PLEVITZ
IN TOWN

YEAH,
I KNOW,
IT AIN'T
MUCH...

EEYAHOOO!
WHY, YEW LOUSY
SKRUNK! GIT OUT
AN' STAY OUT!

HEY,
PAS-CO!
GIMME
ANUDDER
PLEVITZ!

... BUT IT
DON'T SEEM
WE GOT A PRUTZ
OF A LOT'A
CHOICE.

DEAL 'EM,
YEW SLIMEY,
EIGHT- ARMED
SONOFA-
FRUNG!







"COURSE, I CAN'T BLAME GOOD OLE TOLK NONE FOR WHAT HE DID. HE JUST GOT A MITE CONFUSED, WAS ALL..."



A Woman Scorned

I'M **TIRED**, SEAN. **TIRED** AND **HUNGRY**! I DON'T **WANT** TO THINK ABOUT THESE THINGS ANYMORE! I DON'T WANT TO THINK AT **ALL**! I JUST WANT TO SMELL THE AIR AND LIE IN THE WARM SUN AND CHEW ON A **JUMP-TOAD** LEG.

YOU'RE NOT **TRYING**, PAMELA! NOW **THINK**! WHAT IS THE **CAPITOL** OF **KANSAS**? COME ON NOW, YOU KNEW IT **YESTERDAY**!

IF YOU DON'T START **TAKING** THE **GRAY MATTER** PRETTY SOON, THERE WON'T BE ANY **JUMPTOAD** LEGS TO CHEW ON! NOW I **REPEAT**, WHAT IS THE **CAPITOL** OF **KANSAS**?

(SIGH) OH ALL **RIGHT**! **KANSAS**...**KANSAS**...UH, **HOUSTON**?...NO **TOPEKA**.

FINE, AND WHO IS THE **FATHER** OF OUR **COUNTRY**?

MILTON **GOIL**.

BEARLE! **BEARLE**! **MATCH BEARLE**! NOT **"BOIL"**! AND HE WAS A **TELEVISION COMIC**! THE **FATHER** OF OUR **COUNTRY** WAS **GEORGE WASHINGTON**, QUIT **HORSING AROUND** OR I'M NOT **CATCHING** YOU **ANYTHING**!

OH **SEAN**, **LOOK**! A **NICE RAT** ONE! **CATCH** HIM **SEAN**, **CATCH** HIM!

I WANT "LITTLE MISS MUFFET"
WITHOUT A SINGLE MISTAKE OR
YOU DON'T GET A BITE!

OH, SEAN!
HAVE A
HEART!

LESSEE...UH, "LITTLE MISS MUFFET"
SAT ON HER TUFFET...UH...EATING
HER CURDS AND HAY...

WEY, WEY! "EAT-
ING HER CURDS
AND WEY"!

DAMN!
MISSED HIM!

YEAH, "WEY"...JH EATING HER
CURDS AND WEY...ALONG CAME
A SPIDER AND JH, SAT DOWN
BESIDE HER AND...UH...

C MERE YA
SLIMEY LITTLE
BUZZARD!

JH, SAT DOWN BESIDE HER
AND UH...HELPED HIMSELF TO
THE HAY?...NO UH, DECIDED HE
WOULD STAY?...NO...

GOTCHA!
HA! WE
EAT!

SQUORK!

M-M! I MUST ADMIT I'M
DEVELOPING A TASTE FOR
THESE THINGS--WHATEVER
THEY ARE

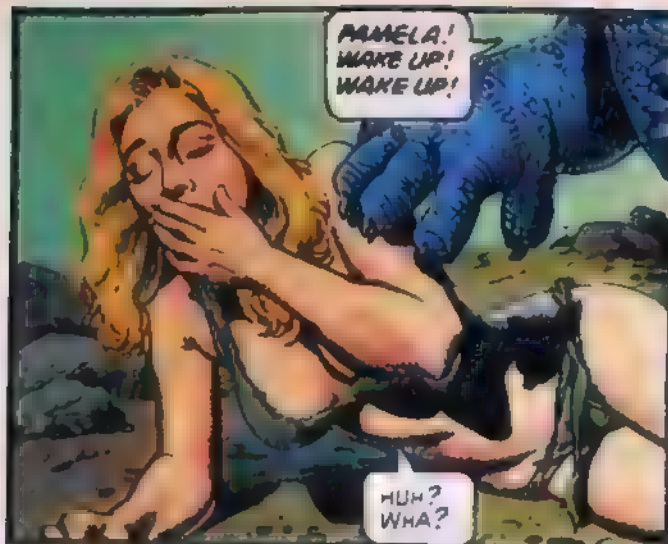
JH, ASKED
HER FOR A
LAY?...NO,
NO...

HERE, EINSTEIN, SKIP IT. AT THE
RATE YOU'RE REMEMBERING, IT'LL
TAKE US MONTHS TO GET OUT OF
HERE.

UM! THANKS, SEAN!
YOU'RE A SWEETHEART!

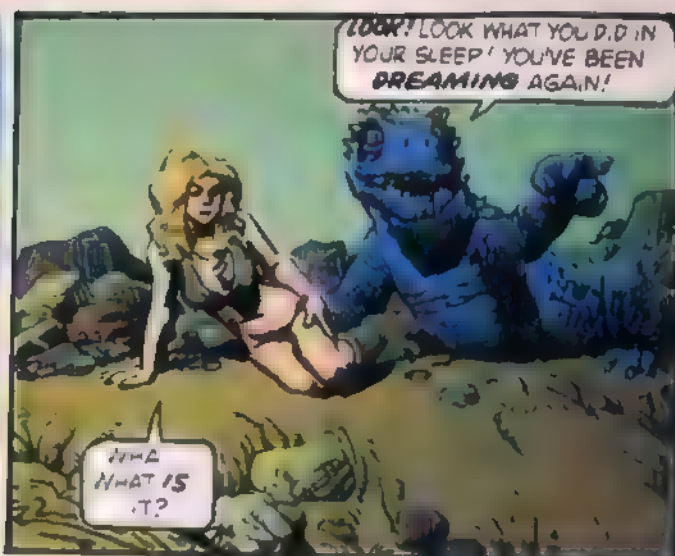
LOOK AT HER... FED AND
PAMPERED AND ASLEEP
ALREADY! AND DO I GET ANY
THANKS? DO I GET ANY
GRATITUDE FOR TRYING TO
SAVE HER... FOR TRYING TO
SAVE THE WORLD?

MILTON
"BOIL"!
CRIPES!



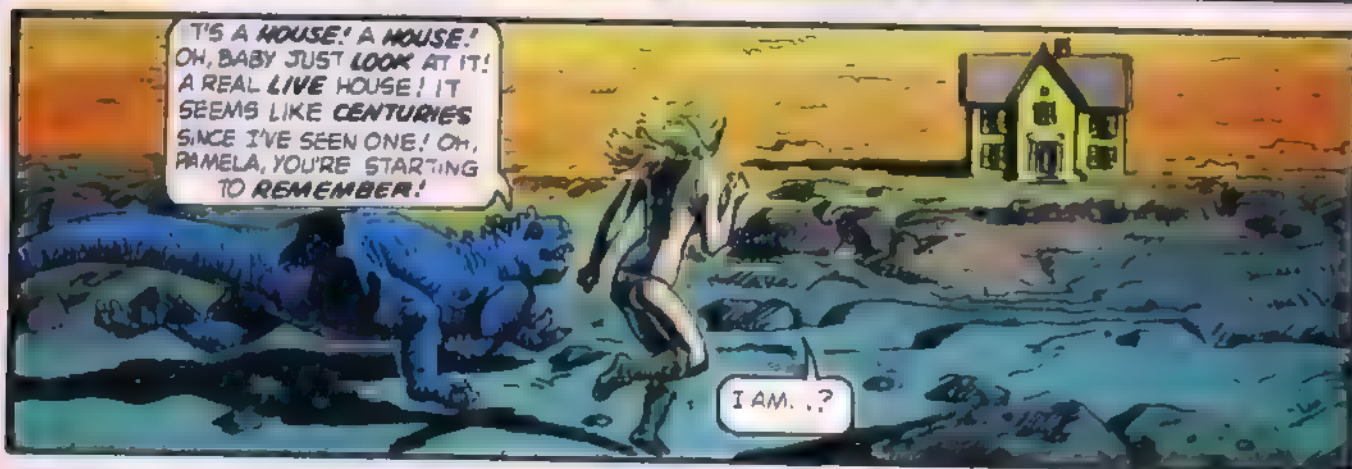
PAMELA!
WAKE UP!
WAKE UP!

MUH?
WHA?



LOOK! LOOK WHAT YOU D.D IN
YOUR SLEEP! YOU'VE BEEN
DREAMING AGAIN!

WHA
WHAT IS
IT?



IT'S A HOUSE! A HOUSE!
OH, BABY JUST LOOK AT IT!
A REAL LIVE HOUSE! IT
SEEMS LIKE CENTURIES
SINCE I'VE SEEN ONE! OH,
PAMELA, YOU'RE STARTING
TO REMEMBER!

I AM. .?



M-M, NICE **WOODWORK!**
LOOKS LIKE EARLY 1950'S
STYLE.

WHO DOES IT **BELONG**
TO, PAMELA? DO YOU
RECOGNIZE IT?

N-NO...
WHAT IS
IT FOR?



IT'S A **HOUSE** YOU SILLY
GIRL! A **DWELLING** PLACE
FOR HUMANS. IT KEEPS OUT
THE **RAIN**, KEEPS IN THE
HEAT LIKE OUR CAVE,
ONLY **BETTER!**

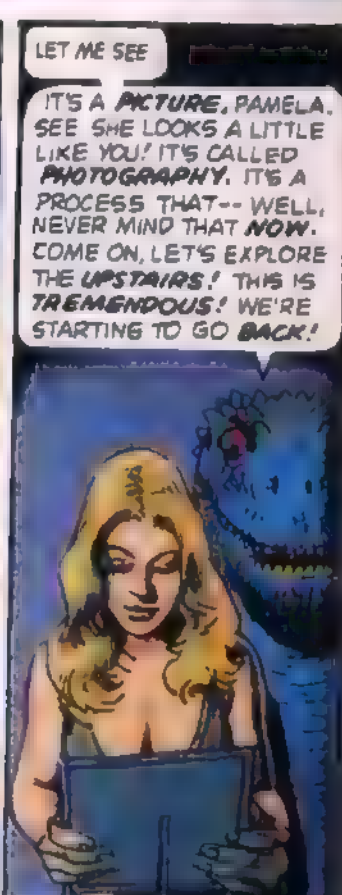
LOOK! A
TV SET! NOW
I'LL **REALLY**
SHOW YOU
SOMETHING!

I-I'M
SCARED,
SEAN!



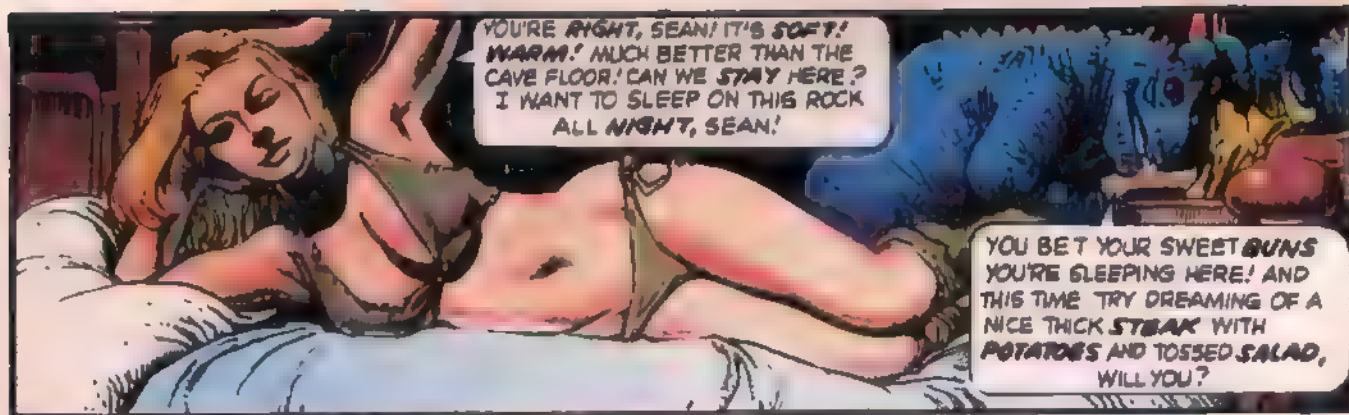
DOESN'T **LOOK**...NATURALLY.
THERE'S NO ELECTRICITY, NO
TRANSMITTING STATION.

SEAN, LOOK! A
TINY LADY! SHE..
SHE'S **FLAT!**



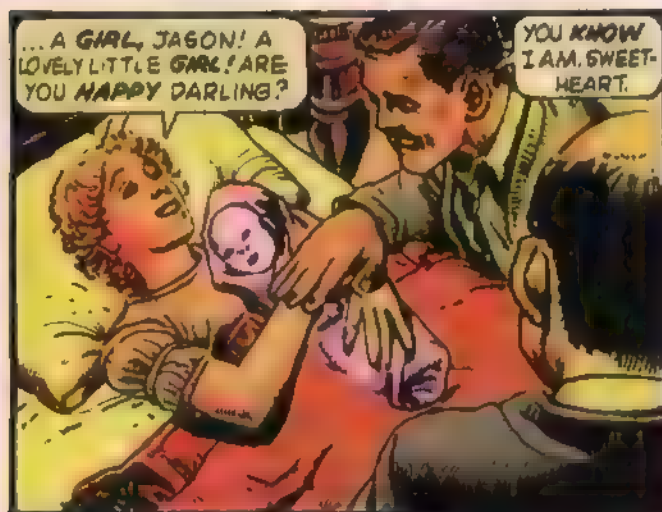
LET ME SEE

IT'S A **PICTURE**, PAMELA.
SEE SHE LOOKS A LITTLE
LIKE YOU! IT'S CALLED
PHOTOGRAPHY. IT'S A
PROCESS THAT-- WELL,
NEVER MIND THAT **NOW**.
COME ON, LET'S EXPLORE
THE **UPSTAIRS!** THIS IS
TREMENDOUS! WE'RE
STARTING TO GO **BACK!**



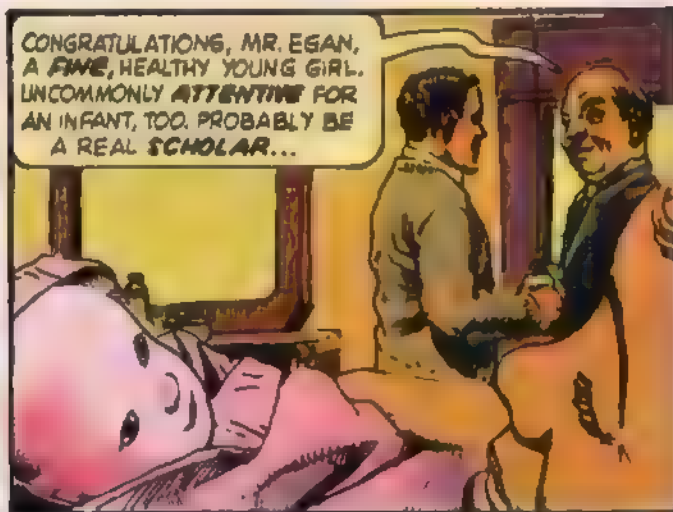
YOU'RE RIGHT, SEAN! IT'S **SOFT!**
WARM! MUCH BETTER THAN THE
CAVE FLOOR! CAN WE **STAY** HERE?
I WANT TO SLEEP ON THIS ROCK
ALL NIGHT, SEAN!

YOU BET YOUR **SWEET BUNS**
YOU'RE SLEEPING HERE! AND
THIS TIME TRY DREAMING OF A
NICE THICK **STEAK** WITH
POTATOES AND **TOSSED SALAD**,
WILL YOU?

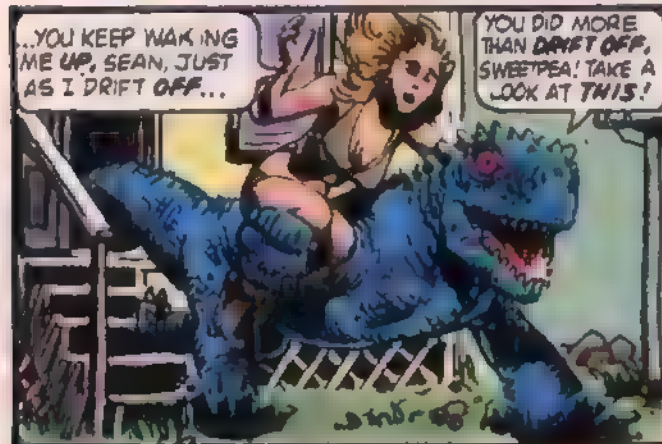


...A **GIRL**, JASON! A
LOVELY LITTLE **GIRL**! ARE
YOU **HAPPY** DARLING?

YOU KNOW
I AM, **SWEET-
HEART**.

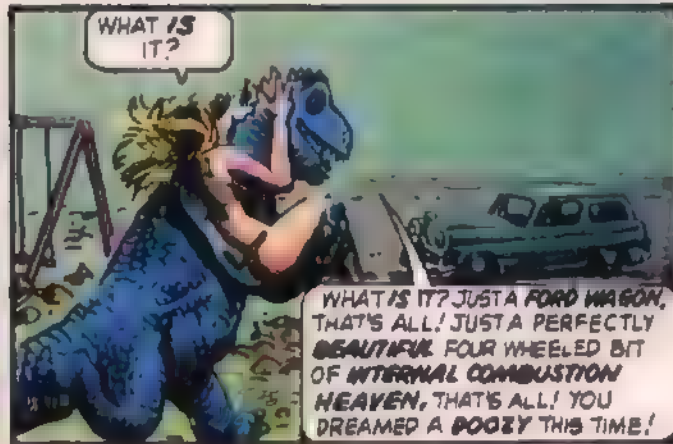


CONGRATULATIONS, MR. EGAN,
A **FINE**, **HEALTHY** YOUNG **GIRL**.
UNCOMMONLY **ATTENTIVE** FOR
AN INFANT, TOO. PROBABLY BE
A REAL **SCHOLAR**...



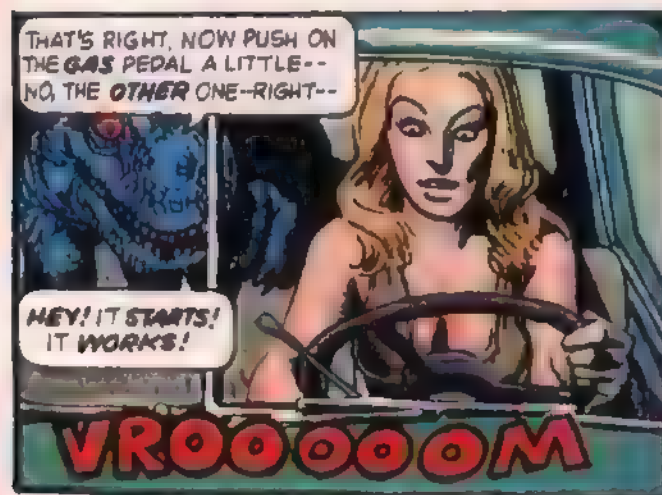
...YOU KEEP **WAKING**
ME UP, SEAN, JUST
AS I **DRIFT OFF**...

YOU DID MORE
THAN **DRIFT OFF**,
SWEETPEA! TAKE A
LOOK AT **THIS**!



WHAT IS
IT?

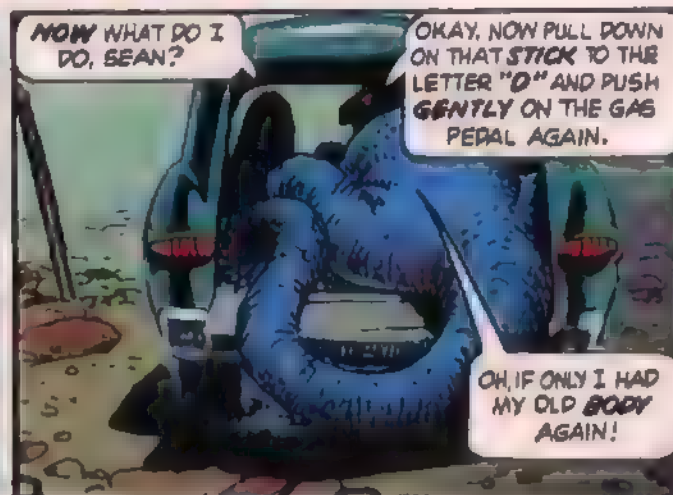
WHAT IS IT? JUST A **FORD WAGON**,
THAT'S ALL! JUST A PERFECTLY
BEAUTIFUL FOUR WHEELED BIT
OF **INTERNAL COMBUSTION**
HEAVEN, THAT'S ALL! YOU
DREAMED A **DOOZY** THIS TIME!



THAT'S RIGHT, NOW PUSH ON
THE **GAS PEDAL** A LITTLE--
NO, THE **OTHER ONE**--RIGHT--

HEY! IT **STARTS**!
IT **WORKS**!

VROOOOOM



NOW WHAT DO I
DO, SEAN?

OKAY, NOW PULL DOWN
ON THAT **STICK** TO THE
LETTER "**O**" AND PUSH
GENTLY ON THE **GAS**
PEDAL AGAIN.

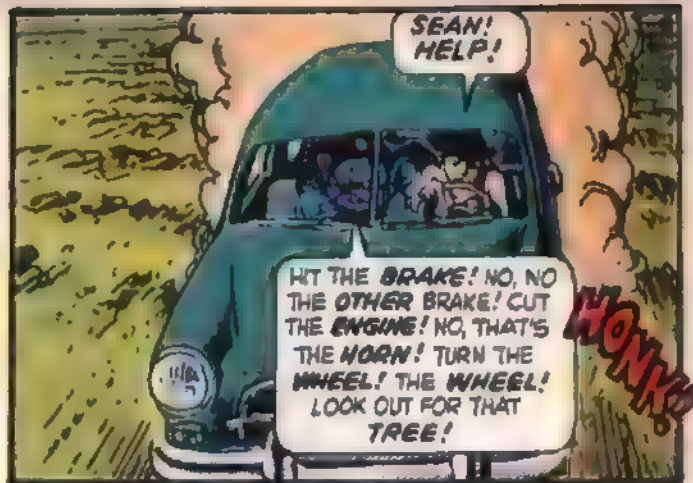
OH, IF ONLY I HAD
MY OLD **BODY**
AGAIN!



EEEEEEEEK!

GENTLY! I
SAD GENTLY!

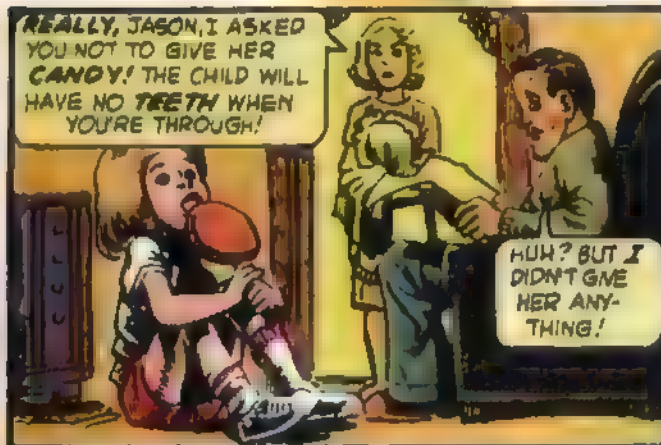
APPROOOARRR!



SEAN!
HELP!

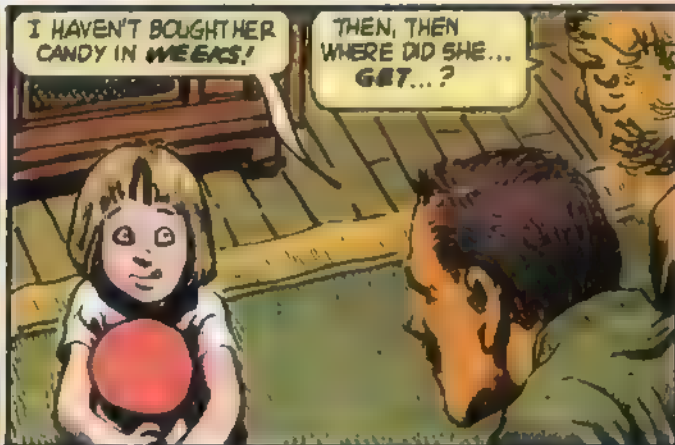
HIT THE BRAKE! NO, NO
THE OTHER BRAKE! CUT
THE ENGINE! NO, THAT'S
THE HORN! TURN THE
WHEEL! THE WHEEL!
LOOK OUT FOR THAT
TREE!

HONK!



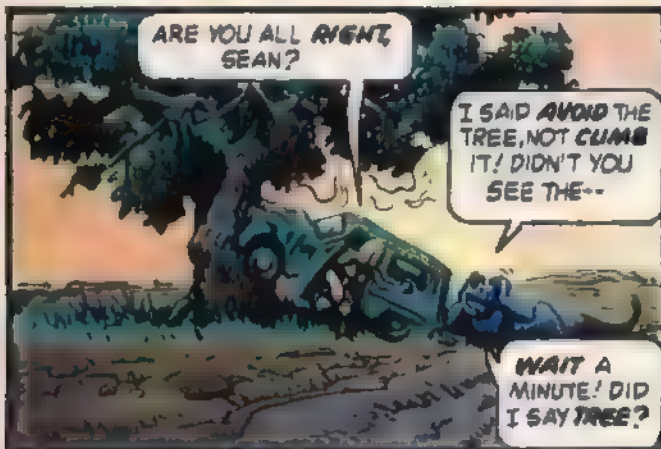
REALLY, JASON, I ASKED
YOU NOT TO GIVE HER
CANDY! THE CHILD WILL
HAVE NO TEETH WHEN
YOU'RE THROUGH!

HUH? BUT I
DIDN'T GIVE
HER ANY-
THING!



I HAVEN'T BOUGHT HER
CANDY IN WEEKS!

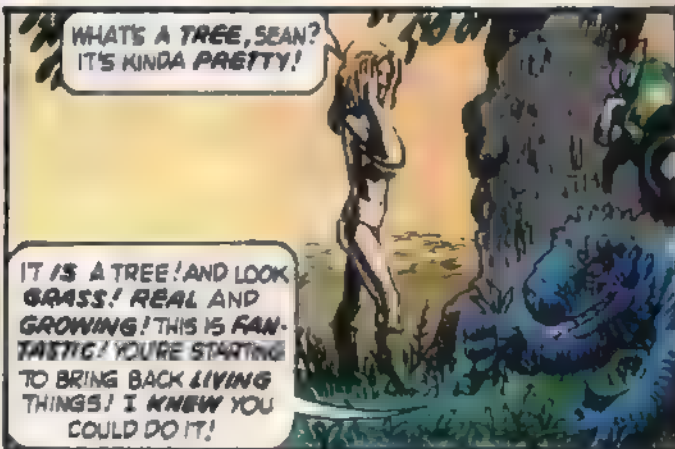
THEN, THEN
WHERE DID SHE...
GET...?



ARE YOU ALL RIGHT,
SEAN?

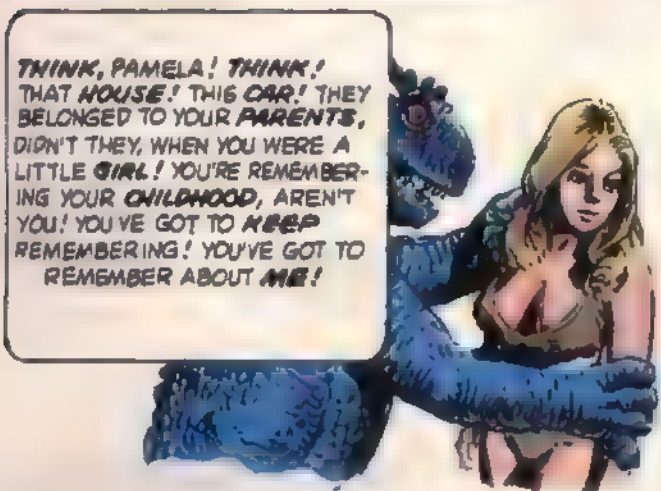
I SAID AVOID THE
TREE, NOT CLIMB
IT! DIDN'T YOU
SEE THE--

WAIT A
MINUTE! DID
I SAY TREE?



WHAT'S A TREE, SEAN?
IT'S KINDA PRETTY!

IT IS A TREE! AND LOOK
GRASS! REAL AND
GROWING! THIS IS FAN-
TASTIC! YOU'RE STARTING
TO BRING BACK LIVING
THINGS! I KNEW YOU
COULD DO IT!



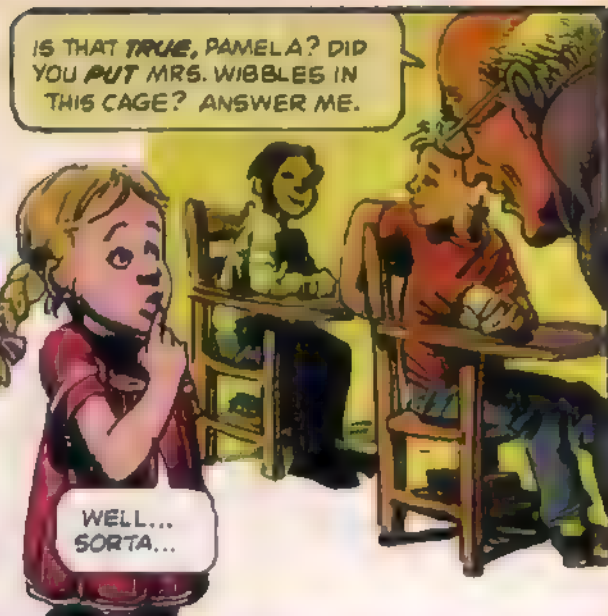
THINK, PAMELA! THINK!
THAT HOUSE! THIS CAR! THEY
BELONGED TO YOUR PARENTS,
DIDN'T THEY, WHEN YOU WERE A
LITTLE GIRL! YOU'RE REMEMBER-
ING YOUR CHILDHOOD, AREN'T
YOU! YOU'VE GOT TO KEEP
REMEMBERING! YOU'VE GOT TO
REMEMBER ABOUT ME!



...ABOUT YOU...



I WAS SIMPLY **REPREMANDING** HER FOR TALKING IN CLASS, PRINCIPAL HAGUE, WHEN ALL AT ONCE I FIND MYSELF SURROUNDED BY THIS -- THIS **CAGE!** I TELL YOU SHE **DID IT!**



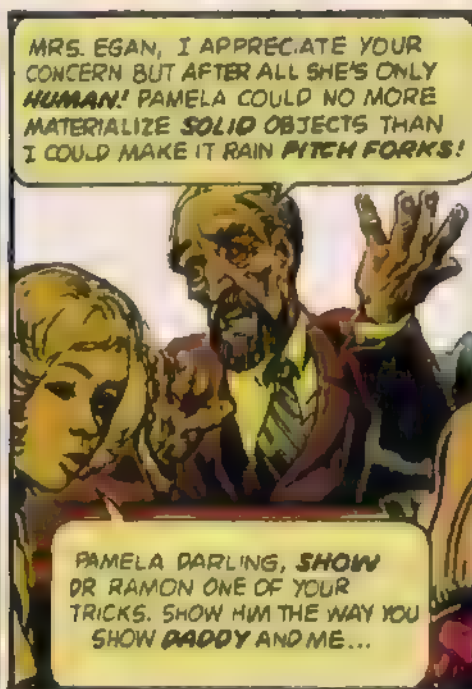
IS THAT **TRUE**, PAMELA? DID YOU **PUT** MRS. WIBBLES IN THIS **CAGE**? ANSWER ME.

WELL...
SORTA...



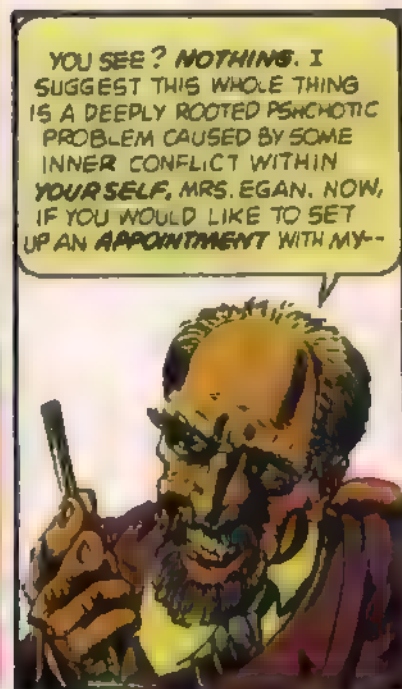
..BEEN IN THE PSYCHIATRIC FIELD FOR **FIFTEEN** YEARS, MRS. EGAN AND I'VE **NEVER** HEARD OF ANYTHING LIKE THIS...

BUT I TELL YOU IT'S **TRUE!** SHE MAKES THINGS APPEAR RIGHT OUT OF **NOWHERE!** **INVENTS** THEM ON THE SPOT!



MRS. EGAN, I APPRECIATE YOUR CONCERN BUT AFTER ALL SHE'S ONLY **HUMAN!** PAMELA COULD NO MORE MATERIALIZE **SOLID** OBJECTS THAN I COULD MAKE IT RAIN **PITCH FORKS!**

PAMELA DARLING, **SHOW** DR RAMON ONE OF YOUR TRICKS. SHOW HIM THE WAY YOU SHOW **DADDY** AND ME...



YOU SEE? **NOTHING.** I SUGGEST THIS WHOLE THING IS A DEEPLY ROOTED **PSYCHOTIC** PROBLEM CAUSED BY SOME INNER CONFLICT WITHIN **YOURSELF**, MRS. EGAN. NOW, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SET UP AN **APPOINTMENT** WITH MY--



AGGGGGHHHH!

THAT'S FINE, PAMELA! THAT'S ENOUGH! **STOP! STOP!**



IT'S **UNPRECEDENTED**, MR AND MRS. EGAN. WE'RE FAMILIAR WITH SOME FORMS OF **PSYCHOKINESIS** BUT NOTHING OF **THIS** MAGNITUDE. YOUR DAUGHTER IS A **MOST** UNUSUALLY GIFTED YOUNG LADY INDEED. AS SUCH, SHE WILL REQUIRE SOME VERY SPECIAL **OBSERVATION...**

HI, GOOD-LOOKIN'!
CARRY YOUR BOOKS!

ARE YOU SURE YOU
WANT TO? ALL THE
OTHER BOYS ON
CAMPUS ARE AFRAID
OF ME.

AFRAID OF *WHAT*? YOU LOOK
HARMLESS TO ME.

HAVEN'T YOU HEARD
THE *RUMORS*? SOME
PEOPLE CLAIM I CAN
PULL LITTLE WHITE
RABBITS OUT OF THIN
AIR AND MAKE THE
SKY TURN *GREEN*. EVEN
THOUGH I'VE PROMISED
NEVER TO DO IT AGAIN.

WHY DON'T YOU TURN MY
FRIENDS GREEN WITH *ENVY*
BY ACCOMPANYING ME TO THE
MOVIES THIS WEEK-END?

YOU'RE VERY SURE OF
YOURSELF, AREN'T YOU?
I LIKE THAT. WHAT'S
YOUR NAME?

PAMELA, LOOK! THE
CAR! IT'S NOT A FORD
ANY LONGER! IT'S A
CHEVY! A 1977 CHEVY!

...1977...
YES... I
SEEM TO
REMEMBER...

...CHEVY... CHEVROLET...
I HAD ONE... A RED
ONE...

...NO, IT WAS
BLUE...

WE CAN NO LONGER
LEGALLY *KEEP* PAMELA
HERE AT THE INSTITUTION.
MR EGAN SHE'S *EIGHTEEN*
NOW AND LEGALLY AN
ADULT. WHAT WE'RE ASKING
YOU TO DO IS *GUIDE* HER.
SHE HAS *TREMENDOUS*
MENTAL PROPERTIES. *UN-*
LIMITED ONES. SHOULD SHE
DECIDE TO USE THEM
DESTRUCTIVELY... BECOME
EXTREMELY *ANGRY* FOR
INSTANCE...

THAT'S RIGHT, THAT'S
RIGHT! AND YOU KEPT
IT IN YOUR PARENTS'
GARAGE-- THEIR NEW
GARAGE IN THEIR NEW
HOUSE! REMEMBER,
PAMELA? THE HOUSE IN
THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN
THE TOWN... THE COUNTRY
...THE WORLD!!



...THE COUNTRY...
...THE WORLD...

YES!
YES!



NOW YOU'VE GOT IT! SEE? THE
NEIGHBORHOOD'S BACK! THE SKY'S
TURNING BLUE! NOW THE PEOPLE, PAMELA!
THE PEOPLE!

YES, YES.. I RE-
MEMBER NOW...



SEAN.. YOU... YOU
WERE...

YES! YOU DID IT!
YOU DID IT! OH GOD,
I'M BACK! HANDS,
FEET, HAIR! IT'S
ME!



YES! YES! WE.. WE WERE ENGAGED!
I REMEMBER NOW! AND IT WAS YOUR
BIRTHDAY! AND I DROPPED IN THAT
AFTERNOON TO SURPRISE YOU AND...
AND...

PAM, NO! WAIT! STOP!
DON'T REMEMBER
ANYMORE!



SEAN! GUESS WHO? I
JUST DROPPED BY TO--

OH MY
GOD!

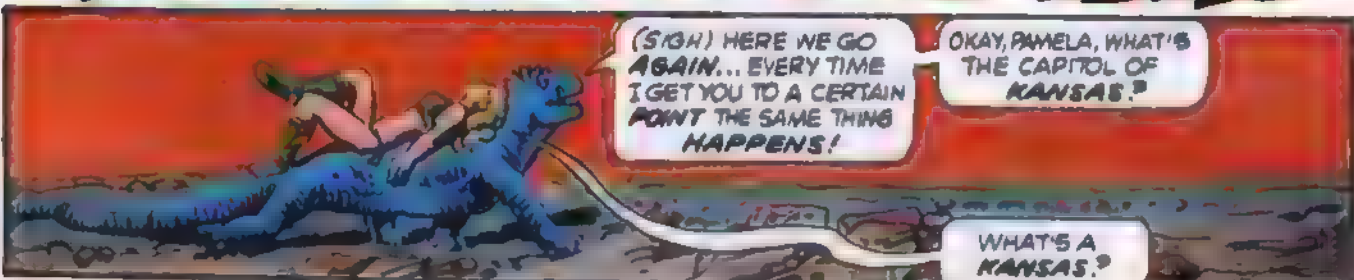
PAMELA!



OH YOU RAT! YOU SNAKE!
YOU STINKING LITTLE LIZARD!

OH, I JUST WISH THE
WHOLE WORLD WOULD
GO AWAY!

VOOOOOOSH!



(SIGH) HERE WE GO
AGAIN... EVERY TIME
I GET YOU TO A CERTAIN
POINT THE SAME THING
HAPPENS!

OKAY, PAMELA, WHAT'S
THE CAPITOL OF
KANSAS?

WHAT'S A
KANSAS?

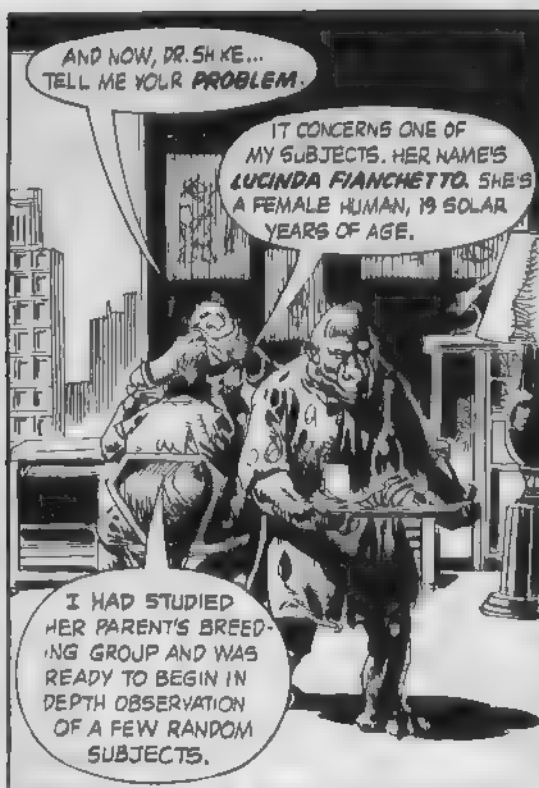
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The Fianchetto Affair

OR: A MATTER OF GREAT DELICACY





AND NOW, DR. SHKE...
TELL ME YOUR PROBLEM.

IT CONCERNS ONE OF
MY SUBJECTS. HER NAME'S
LUCINDA FIANCHETTO. SHE'S
A FEMALE HUMAN, 19 SOLAR
YEARS OF AGE.

I HAD STUDIED
HER PARENT'S BREED-
ING GROUP AND WAS
READY TO BEGIN IN
DEPTH OBSERVATION
OF A FEW RANDOM
SUBJECTS.



INTERESTING..
THE BABY
DOESN'T
CRY.

"A PSYCHOLOGICAL STUDY SHOULD BEGIN AS EARLY AS
POSSIBLE IN THE SUBJECT'S LIFETIME, AND SO
I OBSERVED HER AT BIRTH..."



"I FOLLOWED LUCINDA'S DEVELOPMENT.
CLOSELY... SHE WAS A RATHER UNUSUAL CHILD."

HMM--VERY QUIET.
ASSEMBLES BLOCKS ALONE
WHILE THE REST PLAY
TOGETHER.

DOESN'T LIKE
THE COMPANY
OF OTHERS.



BY TIME SHE WAS SEVEN SOLAR YEARS OLD, LUCINDA WAS
SHOWING A MARKED INDIFFERENCE TO HER PEERS.

C'MON, LUCINDA..
PLAY TAG WITH US.

FORGET HER, BILLY JOE
...SHE DOESN'T EVEN KNOW
HOW TO PLAY TAG.



"I COULDN'T UNDERSTAND THE CHILD'S ISOLATION.
HUMANS TEND TO BE SOCIAL ALMOST FROM BIRTH."

MAYBE SHE'S
RETARDED.



"I RAN HER THROUGH A BATTERY OF TESTS THAT I'VE
DESIGNED TO MEASURE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE AND
VIEW OF THE WORLD."

ALL RIGHT, LUCINDA...
DRAW ME A PICTURE
OF GOD.

"LUCINDA'S INTELLIGENCE TESTED OUT HIGH, BUT HER VIEW OF THE WORLD WAS DECIDELY ODD."

YOU THINK GOD LOOKS LIKE ME?

OH YES, DR. SHIKE. GOD'S MY FRIEND, AND YOU'RE MY FRIEND. GOD **MUST** LOOK LIKE YOU.

"AS LUCINDA GOT OLDER, HER ISOLATION **INCREASED.**"

WATCH OUT... HERE COMES THE SALT.

WHO'S GOT THE PEPPER?

WOULDN'T YOU LIKE TO KNOW.

"EVEN HER FOOD HAD TO BE SERVED SEPARATELY, SINCE SHE WAS APPARENTLY WILLING TO **STARVE** RATHER THAN JOIN HER FELLOWS AT MEALTIME."

GOOD MORNING, DR SHIKE. HOW ARE YOU TODAY.

I'M FINE. THANK YOU.

HERE'S YOUR **BREAKFAST.**

"THE ONLY INDIVIDUAL LUCINDA SEEMED CAPABLE OF RELATING TO WAS **ME.**"

TELL ME, DR. SHIKE... IS IT TRUE THAT YOU MONSTERS **EAT** PEOPLE LIKE ME?

WELL, YES... SOMETIMES. BUT THAT'S NO REASON TO **MOPE** AROUND.

TRY YOUR MUSH...IT'S **GOOD** FOR YOU.

"MY FEELINGS TOWARD LUCINDA **DIS-**TURBED ME, AND I DISCUSSED THEM WITH MY IMMEDIATE SUPERIOR."



I'VE ALWAYS PRIDED MYSELF ON MY SCIENTIFIC **OBJECTIVITY.** WHY AM I BECOMING EMOTIONALLY **INVOLVED** WITH STUDY SUBJECT FIANCHETTO?

"DR. KIKU, OF COURSE, HAD A **THEORY...** BUT IT WASN'T VERY HELPFUL."

YOUR INABILITY TO WATCH A BROOD OF YOUR **OWN** HAS CAUSED YOU TO DIVERT YOUR **MATERNAL INSTINCTS** TO THIS LONELY LITTLE **HORS D'OEUVRE.**

MATERNAL INSTINCTS... AT MY AGE? I CERTAINLY **HOPE** NOT.

"YESTERDAY LUCINDA WAS TRANSFERRED TO **HOLDING PEN #212** TO BE FATTENED FOR SLAUGHTER."

"MATERNAL INSTINCTS OR NOT, I FELT VERY **DISTRESSED**."

DON'T LET THEM
**EAT ME, DR SHIKE. YOU'RE
THE ONLY FRIEND I'VE GOT.
PLEASE HELP ME.**

I'LL DO MY BEST...
BUT DON'T GET YOUR
HOPES UP.

AND THAT'S IT, YOUR
EXCELLENCY. CAN'T WE DO
SOMETHING FOR POOR
LUCINDA?

I'M VERY TOUCHED BY
YOUR STORY... BUT LET ME
ACQUAINT YOU WITH SOME
FACTS OF LIFE.

THE PROCESSING AND
SHIPPING OF HUMAN BEINGS
IS A HIGHLY **LUCRATIVE**
BUSINESS.

HUMANS ARE CONSIDERED
A **DELICACY** THROUGHOUT THE
GALAXY. WE WERE LUCKY WE
FOUND THEM **FIRST**.

I'M AWARE OF THAT,
YOUR EXCELLENCY.
I ENJOY **EATING**
HUMANS AS MUCH
AS ANYONE.

BUT THERE'RE SO
MANY OF THEM. CAN'T
LUCINDA BE EXEMPTED
FROM SLAUGHTER?

I'M AFRAID
NOT.

HUMANS ARE A **PRODUCT**, JUST THAT,
AND NOTHING MORE. AND I'LL TELL YOU
SOMETHING ELSE...

...I HAVE NEVER SEEN THE NEED FOR
A **XENOPSYCHOLOGIST** ON MY STAFF. WHO
CARES WHAT HUMANS **THINK** ABOUT, SO LONG
AS THEY **TASTE GOOD**?

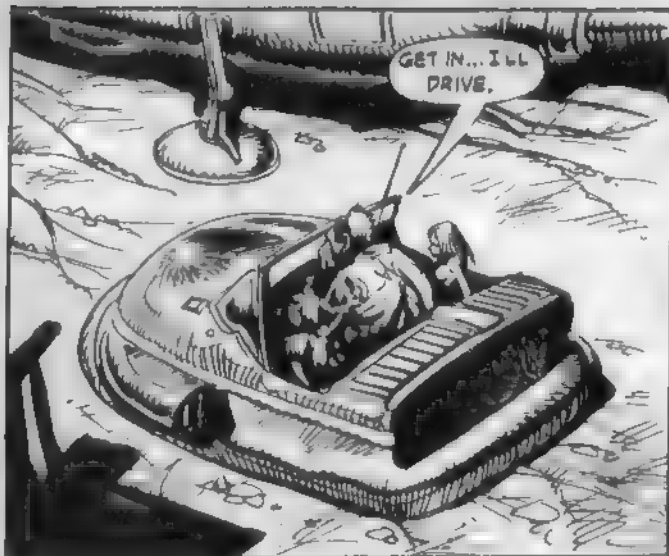
YOUR EXCELLENCY **INSULTS**
ME. PERMIT ME TO TENDER
MY **RESIGNATION**...
EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY.

DR. SHIKE... YOU'RE
OVERWROUGHT. I LIKE
YOU VERY MUCH, OUR
PROFESSIONAL DIFFERENCES
NOT WITHSTANDING.

WHY DON'T YOU
SLEEP ON YOUR DECISION?
WE'LL DISCUSS IT AGAIN
TOMORROW.

THAT NIGHT DR. SHIKE SLEPT FITFULLY...









DR SHIKE...
SOMEBODY'S
COMING!



MY PEOPLE HAVE
CAUGHT UP WITH US. I'VE
REALLY **BOTCHED** THIS
WHOLE AFFAIR.

DOES THAT
MEAN I HAVE
TO GO
BACK?



LATER--

YOU HAD A **BUSY**
NIGHT... DIDN'T YOU,
DR SHIKE?

YOU MUST THINK I'M
AN **IDiot**. I ALLOWED MY
EMOTIONS TO CLOUD MY
JUDGEMENT.



MY **RESIGNATION**. OF
COURSE, IS STILL--

I TOLD YOU BEFORE...
I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH. I
HOPE YOU'LL STAY WITH US.
EVERYONE SLIPS NOW
AND THEN.

I HAVE A
SURPRISE
FOR YOU.



LUCINDA...
AND HOW
DELICIOUS
SHE LOOKS!

A LITTLE STRINGY IN PLACES
BUT MY COOK IS A **GEMUS**. HE
LOVES A CHALLENGE.

LET'S FORGET YOUR LITTLE
ESCAPADE AND HAVE A NICE
DINNER TOGETHER.



YOUR EXCELLENCY...
I FEEL LIKE SUCH A
FOOL... I DON'T KNOW
HOW TO--

DON'T TRY... JUST
ENJOY YOUR **MEAL**.
GOOD FOOD, GOOD COMPANY
WHAT MORE COULD ONE
ASK FOR?

THE COMIC BOOKS

by Joe Brancatelli

I run the risk of being forever labelled a curmudgeon for saying this, but here goes: I'm not so sure that comic fandom is in better shape today than it was in 1967, the year I discovered it. In fact, if this doddering 24-year-old had his druthers, I'd rather it be 1967, a time when fans didn't have much money and you knew the fanzine publishers and comic-book dealers were in it only for fun.

Time—and clichés—do march on, however, and only the most ignorant fans would insist that comic fandom is still just for fun or just a hobby. For the vast majority of fans and dealers and fanzine publishers today, comic fandom is a business, a "market"—and a highly lucrative one at that. Even a curmudgeon such as I would grudgingly admit that fandom today is more a marketplace for dollars than a marketplace for ideas.

All this said, however, there remains no excuse for the cheap-shot wheeler-dealer in comics fandom. There is no excuse for the wise guy, hit-and-run profitmaker. I point specifically to one David Saavedra, National Central Bureau No. 695, who has been offering around a "secret" list of banks providing interest-bearing checking accounts.

Saavedra's ad, which I happened to catch in a recent issue of *The Comics Journal*, says fans are "invited to discover who and where these banks (offering interest-bearing checking accounts free of charge) exist, how they came to be and to select . . . banks you can open an account with." The ad touts the value of these interest-bearing accounts with claims that "collectors . . . depend on good cash flow funds" and that "when your money sits in a checking account it earns nothing."

Saavedra promises to send you this list of "se-

cret" banks offering the "totally free" interest-bearing accounts for a mere \$6.66.

Leaving Saavedra's morals and sales pitch aside, let us consider the matter of these "secret" banks that offer interest-bearing checking accounts. Yes, friends, there are banks that offer interest-bearing checking accounts, officially called "negotiable orders of withdrawal (NOW)." But they are hardly a secret.

For more than forty years, the federal government has specifically forbid banks and savings and loan institutions from offering interest on accounts generically known as "checking accounts." That is still the case in 44 states, except for New England. The government recently waived the rules in these six states for a compendium of reasons too boring to discuss and too complex to bother with.

In a nutshell, that's it. For \$6.66, Saavedra can tell you what is already public knowledge: that a handful of financial institutions in New England legally provide interest-bearing checking accounts to their customers.

Before you go rushing off to a New England bank to open a NOW account, you should also know that the federal government will probably allow all banks to offer interest-bearing checking accounts within the next year.

So much for Saavedra's \$6.66 secret.

There is also the matter of Saavedra's financial advice to generally under-advised comic fans to be considered. He and his "financial associates" claim an interest-bearing checking account will "add more capital to your net worth" because "earning interest on your Chequing (sic) account makes more capital."

Well, maybe, but only if you keep huge amounts of money in your checking account, something most people are wise enough not



"PATENT MEDICINE" PROFITS?

to do. Substantial sums of cash are usually kept in a savings account because that's where the most interest can be accrued. Anyway, do you know what 5 percent interest on an average daily checking balance of \$100 is? Over the span of one year, chances are it wouldn't amount to much more than the price of the magazine you're holding in your hand.

So much for the huge amounts of capital comic fans can get from these so-called "secret" accounts.

Some financial matters Saavedra and his "financial associates" don't bother to dwell on in their advertisement, however, involve the incredible inconvenience of having a checking account in New England if you don't live there. Take, for instance, making a deposit. Since you'd have to mail your deposit to the New England bank, you'd have to do one of three things:

—send cash through the mail, a risky, if not totally insane, proposition.

—send a money order, which costs money, probably more money than you're likely to earn in interest.

—send a check from your local checking account, which means you can't rely solely on Saavedra's "secret" gold mine. It also means that since you're depositing an out-of-state check in your New England account, it will usually take seven days to "clear." Add this clearing delay—local checks clear in three

days—to the mailing and processing time of sending the deposit to New England and it could mean a two-week delay before you can write a check against your deposit. No sound financial advisor would recommend tying up checking account dollars for two weeks.

Saavedra is also quick to point out that there is nothing illegal about this system since there are no "residency requirements." That's true. It is also true that it really doesn't matter if your check comes from your local bank or a New England bank when you're buying comics through the mails. But what happens when you traipse into your neighborhood store hoping to cash a personal check? What clerk in his right mind would cash a check from New England, especially if you claim to live "just around the corner."

Saavedra and his "financial associates" also don't bother to point out the damage you do to your local credit rating by checking out of state. Suppose you drop into your local bank looking for a loan or hoping to qualify for a credit card. If you're a first-time borrower, your only solid credit reference is likely to be the manner in which you handle your checking account with the bank. But you don't bank there. You bank in New England. Any normal loan officer at your local bank will turn you down. And don't go looking to your New England bank to make a loan. They'll laugh like the dickens at you.

So, please, listen to the curmudgeon just this once. Skip the "secret" offer and wait until your local bank is allowed to offer interest-bearing accounts. Rest assured they'll tell you when they are available.

Oh, for the good old days of comic fandom when none of us even had enough money to have a checking account!

WHAT
IS THE
COLOR OF



LAST WEEK
IT WAS THAT
COMPUTERIZED,
ROBOT 'SEMBLER',
THIS WEEK..
LORD KNOWS
WHAT YOU'RE
WORKIN' ON!

NO SOONER DO YA
FINISH ONE PROJECT,
WHEN YOU'RE KNEE DEEP
INTO ANOTHER!

RESTIN, BOY-- 'SOME-
TIMES I WONDER WHAT'S
GOIN' ON INSIDE PUMKIN'.
FILLED HEAD A YOURS!

THIS IS MY ULTIMATE
ACHIEVEMENT, GRATEFUL!!
A TIME-SPACE DISTORTER!

ROOK

STORY: BILL DEBAY ART: ALEXANDRO

OH, THIS IS THE
BIG ONE, HUH? AND
WHAT DO YA CALL THAT
TIME HOPPING SCHEME
RUSTING IN THE CORNER?

THE CASTLER WAS
SUCCESSFUL... TO A POINT!
BUT IT SIMPLY CAN'T DO
WHAT MY **WHIZZER**
IS CAPABLE OF!

AND EVEN TODAY, THOSE
NEUTRONS HEAD **OUTWARD**
EXPANDING THE BOUNDARY
OF OUR UNIVERSE!

SCIENTISTS CALL
THAT MOMENT
THE **BIG**
BANG!

I AIN'T SURE
I UNDERSTAND
NONE OF IT,
BOY!

ONE. ANOTHER. THAN EVEN
MORE. THE NEUTRONS
HURLED FROM THE
COMPACT ORB OF
MATTER... INTO THE
NOTHINGNESS OF
SPACE... UNTIL
ALL THE MATTER
THAT COMPOSES
EVERY PARTICLE
OF CREATION
WAS **RELEASED**
EXPANDING
OUTWARD
TO FORM OUR
UNIVERSE!

INSIDE THIS SPHERE,
BILLIONS UPON BILLIONS
OF NEUTRONS SWIRLED
ANGRILLY, DASHING
AGAINST ONE ANOTHER
FOR BILLIONS OF **YEARS!**
THEN, ONE DAY... **ONE** OF
THOSE HURTLING
NEUTRONS MANAGED TO
ESCAPE... UPSETTING
THE **BALANCE** OF THAT
TINY SPHERE!

YEAH? WHAT'S
THAT?

IT CAN'T
TRANSPORT ME
TO THE
BEGINNING
OF TIME!

WHAT?!

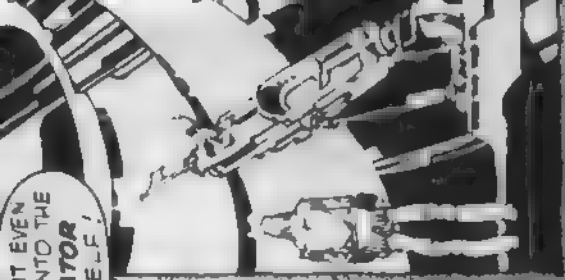
AND I'VE GOT TO
SEE IT **ALL!** AS
A SCIENTIST I
MUST BE **THERE**
TO **OBSERVE**
THAT ONE
MOMENTOUS POINT IN
TIME WHEN IT ALL
BEGAN!

THEN... I MUST TRAVERSE
ETERNITY TO WITNESS ITS
CATACLYSMIC **END!**

THERE'S A **THEORY**
ABOUT CREATION, GRAND-
FATHER! THAT ALL THE
MATTER IN THE KNOWN
UNIVERSE WAS ONCE
CLUSTERED INTO ONE
EXTREMELY COMPACT
LITTLE **BALL**
WHICH FLOATED
AIMLESSLY IN AN
ETERNAL VACANT **VOID!**

IT WAS **INEVITABLE**.
GRANDFATHER! IN MY TIME
CASTLE I'VE TRAVELLED TO
THE **PAST**... I'VE VENTURED
INTO THE **FUTURE!** I'VE
STUMBLED INTO DIMENSIONS
MAN NEVER **DREAMED**
EXISTED!

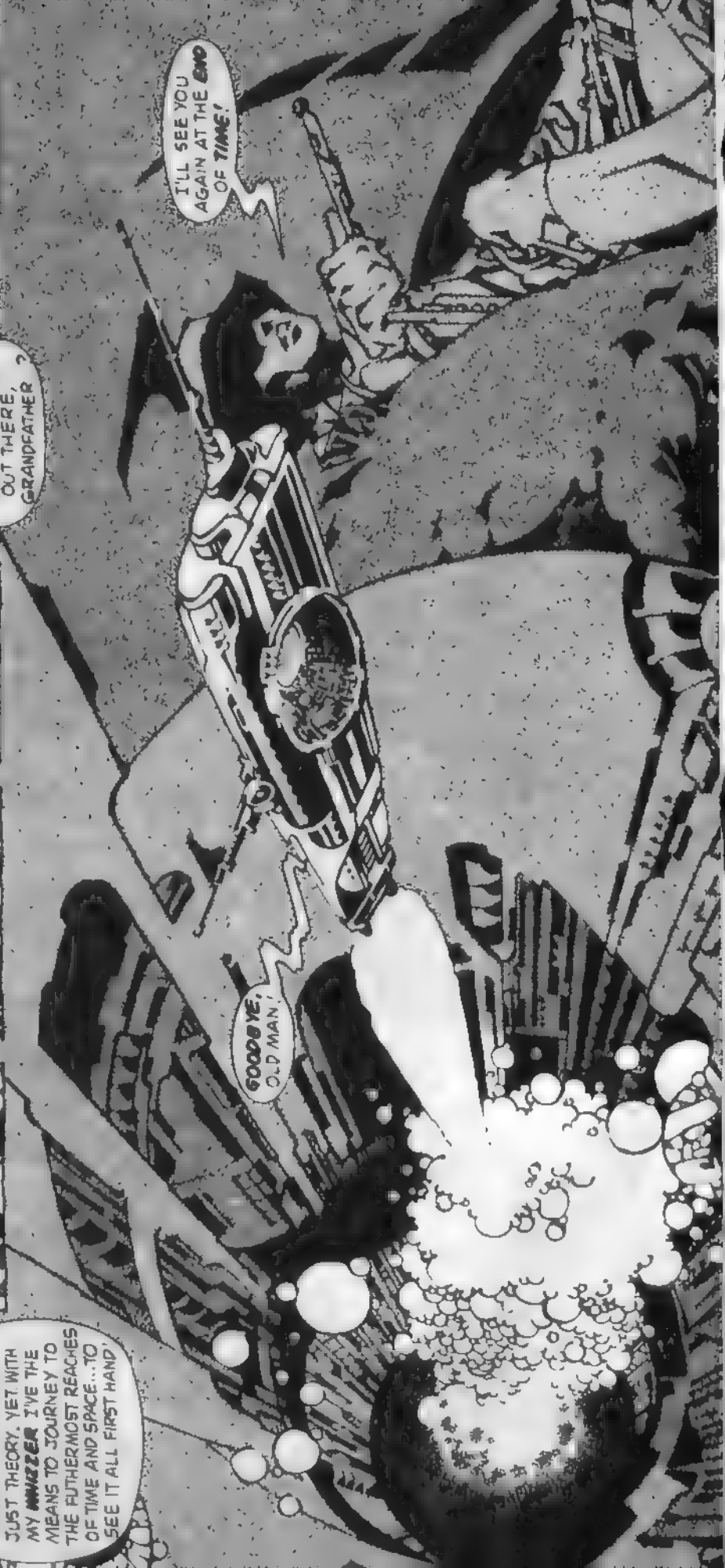
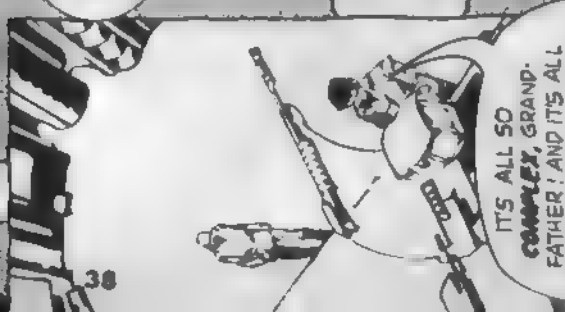
YET, UNTIL NOW... MY
QUESTS HAVE BEEN
LIMITED TO OUR OWN
INSIGNIFICANT SEGMENT
OF **SPACE!** THERE IS
A **UNIVERSE** OUT
THERE... WITH A
PAST AND A
FUTURE... A
BEGINNING AND
END!



I MIGHT EVEN
BUMP INTO THE
CREATOR
HIMSELF!



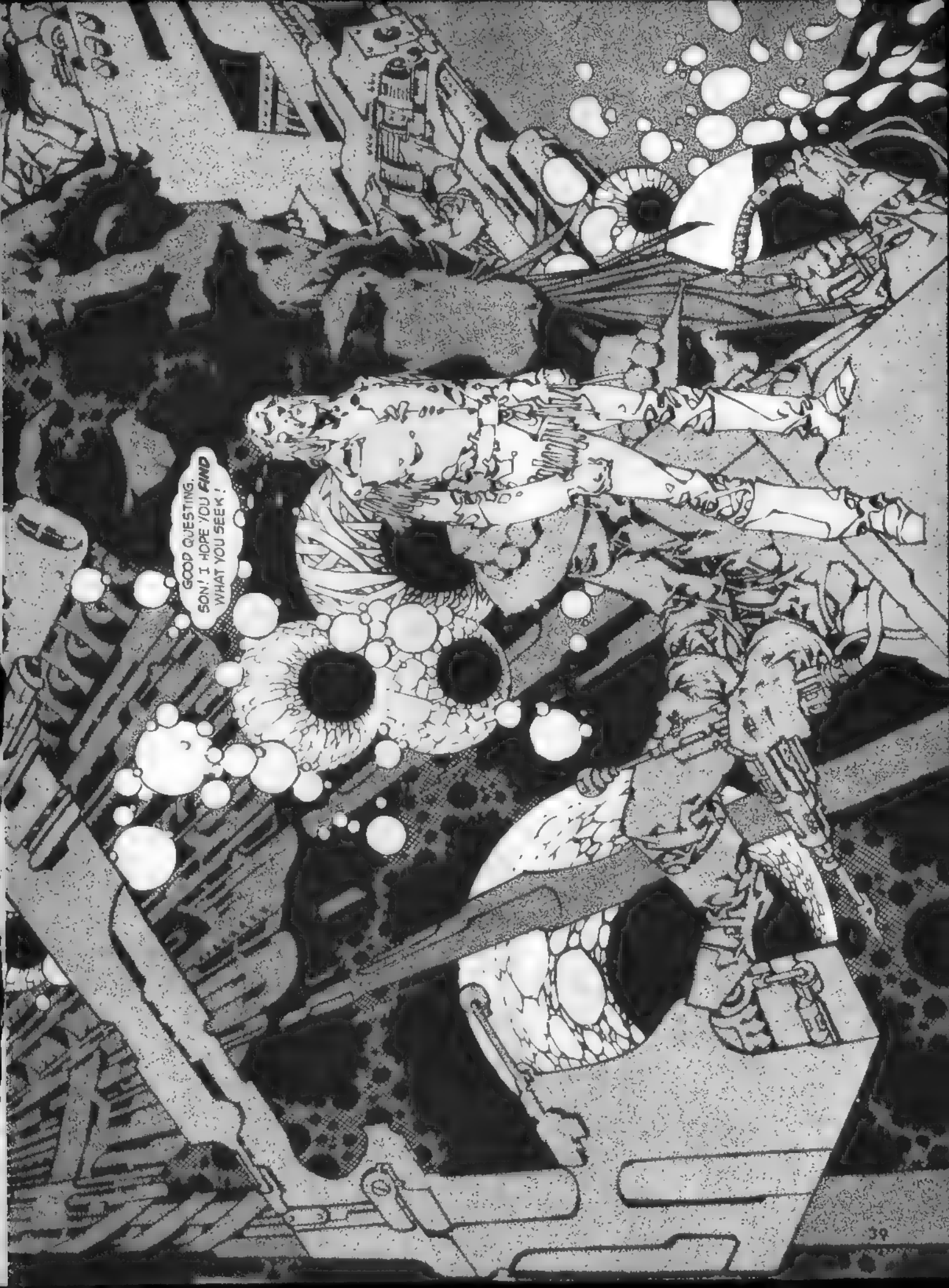
WHO KNOWS
WHAT I'LL FIND
OUT THERE,
GRANDFATHER?



I'LL SEE YOU
AGAIN AT THE **END**
OF TIME!

GOODBYE,
OLD MAN!

IT'S ALL SO
COMPLEX, GRAND-
FATHER! AND IT'S ALL
JUST THEORY! YET WITH
MY **WHISKEY** I'VE THE
MEANS TO JOURNEY TO
THE FUTUREMOST REACHES
OF TIME AND SPACE...TO
SEE IT ALL FIRST HAND!



GOOD QUESTING.
SON! I HOPE YOU **FIND**
WHAT YOU SEEK!

MASTER BISHOP...
WHAT... WHAT WAS THAT
TERRIBLE **ROAR**? IT SHOOK
THE ENTIRE CASTLE, SIR! I
THOUGHT THE **WORLD** WAS
ENDING!



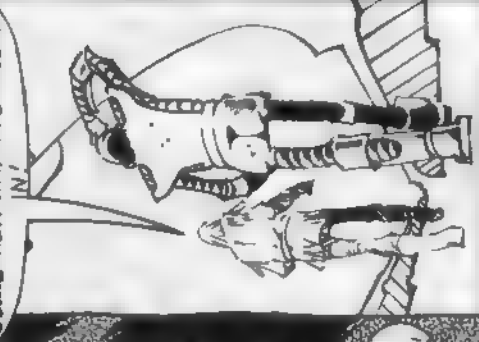
OUR WORLD
WAS, TIN MAN!

M'BOY, RESTIN'S
GONE ON ANOTHER
FOOL'S QUEST! AND
THIS TIME HE'S GOT A
GOOD CHANCE 'A NOT
COMIN' **BACK**!



BUT SIR...
HIS **TIME**
CASTLE IS...

YOU IG'NRANT TIN
HEADED HEATHEN! NOBODY
SAID **NOTHIN'** 'BOUT HIM TAKIN'
HIS TIME HOPPER! YOU KNOW
THAT BOY'S ALWAYS 'VENTIN'
SOME NEW WAY T'DO HISSELF
IN!



SPEAKIN' A WHICH HE
NEVER **DID** GET AROUND
T'PLAYIN' WITH
THAT ROBOT
'SEMBLER
HE BUILT!



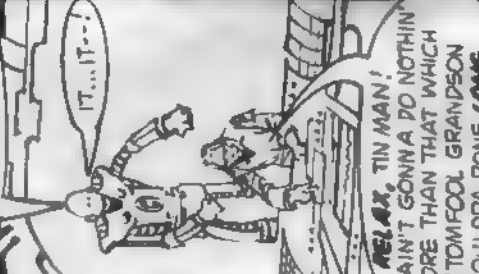
MASTER
DANE... YOU'RE
NOT GOING
TO--?!

I NEED T'GIT M'MIND
OFF'N THAT CRAZY GRAND-
SON A'MINE, USELESS! AND
I CAN'T THINK A BETTER
TOY T'HELP ME!



B-BUT,
SIR--!

THIS WASN'T **MEANT**
TO BE A **TOY**! IT... IT'S
AN AUTOMATED **ROBOT**
MANUFACTURING
MACHINE!

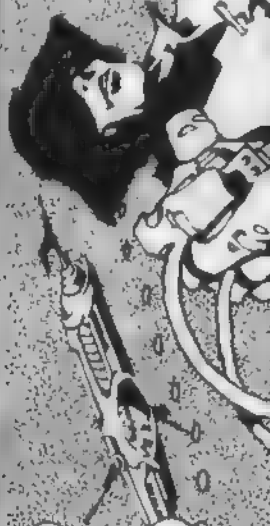


RELAX, TIN MAN!
I AIN'T GONNA DO NOTHIN'
MORE THAN THAT WHICH
M'TOMFOOL GRANDSON
SHOULD'DA DONE **LONG**
AGO...

.. BUILD YOU A
PLAYMATE!

LORD! IT... IT'S
LIMITLESS! AND SO
BEAUTIFUL!

SPACE! THE
FINAL FRONTIER
THEY'VE CALLED IT!
IT MAKES MB FEEL
SO **SMALL**!





IT... IT'S LIKE A
CRESTING BLACK WAVE...
ROLLING ONTO A SHORE OF
ENDLESS WHITE NOTHINGNESS!

AND I'M CAUGHT UP
IN IT **ALL**...! LIKE A LONE
SURFER, RIDING THE WAVES
OF CREATION!

OH LORD! THE
SUPREME, ULTIMATE
UNMATCHED **THWILL**!

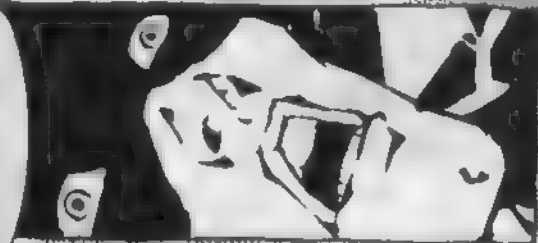
OH GOD! THERE...
THERE'S THE **EDGE**
OF IT ALL!

THE **END** OF THE
UNIVERSE... AND IT'S
SWIRLING **OUTWARDS**...
GROWING EVEN **MORE**
LIMITLESS!

LORD! GOD!
NO! IT... IT CAN'T
BE!

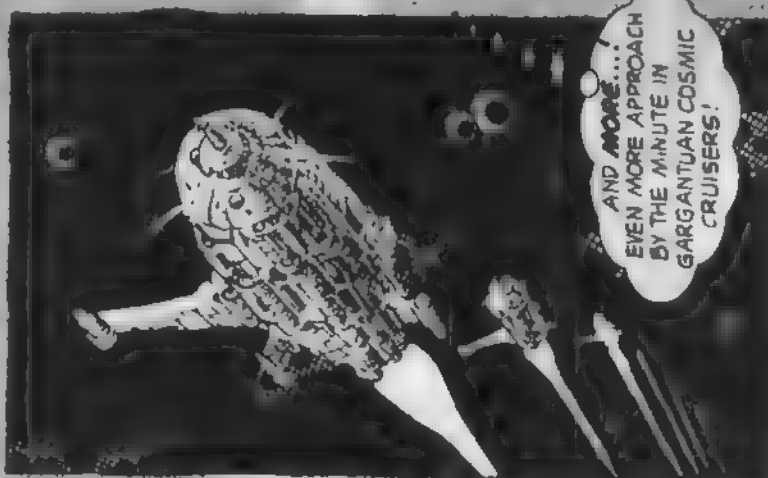
BUT... WAIT! WH...
WHAT'S **THAT** JUST
AHEAD?

BUT OF COURSE...!
HOW BLINDED I'VE BEEN
BY MY OWN SELF-SERVING
EGO! HOW COULD I HAVE
THOUGHT THAT I **ALONE**
OF ALL THE LIVING BEINGS
IN THE ENDLESS COSMOS,
HAD THE SOLE CAPABILITIES
TO VENTURE TO THE
LIMITS OF CREATION!?



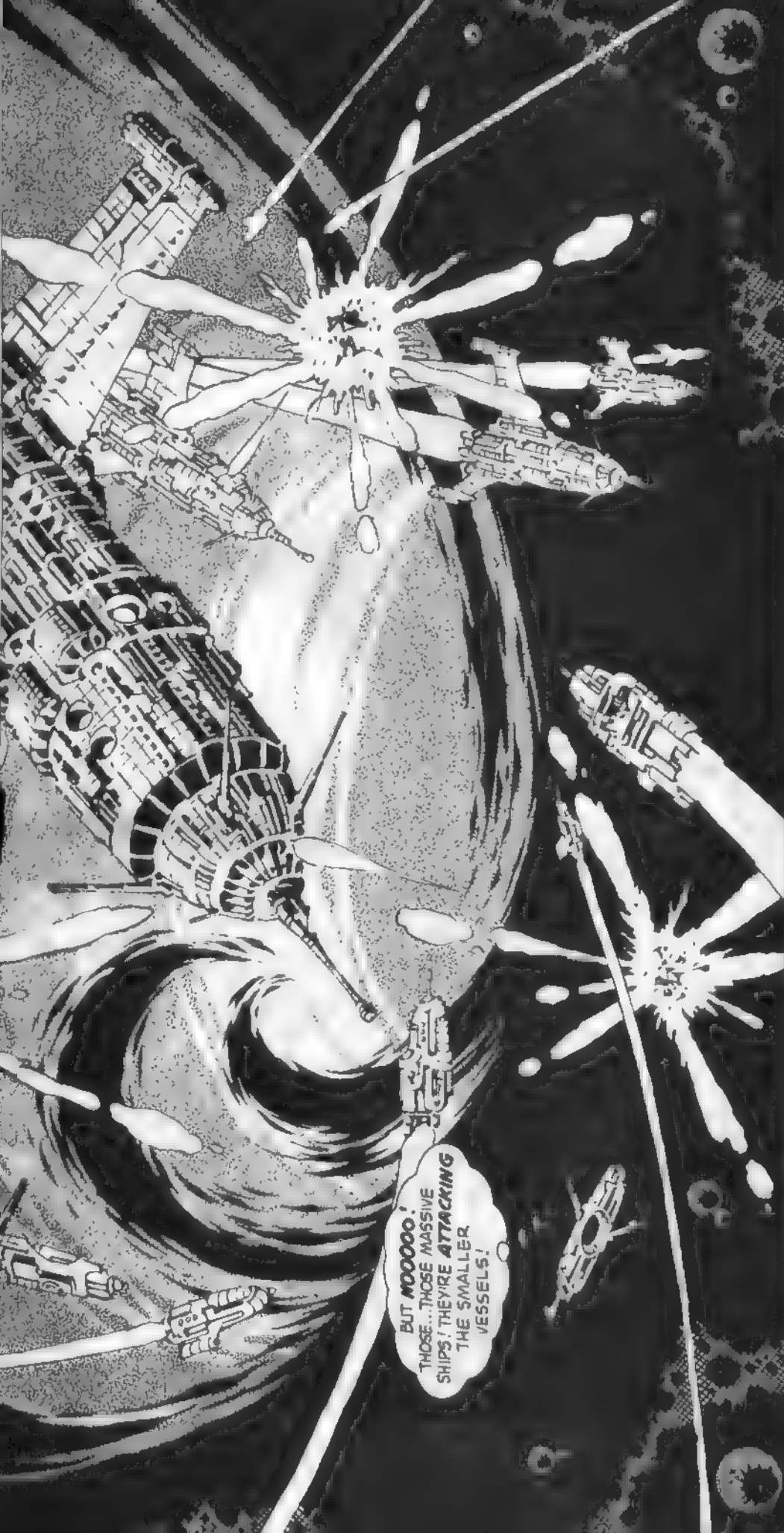
LORD, THERE ARE
MANY OTHERS! JUST
LIKE MYSELF...! WHO'VE
COME HERE IN SEARCH
OF THE ULTIMATE ANSWERS

AND LOOK AT
THEM NOW! **SURFING**
ON THE WAVES OF **CREATION**!
ENJOYING THEMSELVES LIKE
CHILDREN, INDULGING IN THE
ULTIMATE ECSTASY!



AND **MORE...!**
EVEN **MORE** APPROACH
BY THE MINUTE IN
GARGANTUAN COSMIC
CRUISERS!





WELL, WHATTYA THINK, 'IN MAN?

OH, MASTER BISHOP. SHE'S BEAUTIFUL! MY METAL HEART MELTS WITH JOY!

SHE'S A MIGHT ON THE SKINNY SIDE, SON! I THINK WE'LL MAKE THE NEXT ONE A TEENY MORE VOLUP'TUOUS!

WHY NOT, BOY? ALL I GOTTA DO IS PUSH A FEW LITTLE BUTTONS AND WAIT FOR THEM TO ROLL OFF THE 'SEMBLY LINE!

WE KIN BUILD AN ENTIRE HAREM!

YEE-DUCH!

H-HEE? ONE?

DANGEROUS! I GOT MY FINGER STUCK IN TH' KEYBOARD!

MASTER BISHOP. WHAT'S WRONG?

M-MASTER BISHOP... YOU- YOU'RE NOT--?

AND TO THINK YOU'VE BUILT HER JUST FOR ME!

I... I CAN'T GET IT OUT, USELESS! THIS CONTRAPTION'S RUNNIN' WILD!

TURN THE DAMN THING OFF!

I... I CAN'T, SIRT. I... I DON'T KNOW HOW!

H-HELP WE, ROBOT!

PRaise THE COSMOS, THE CREATURE IS ALIVE!

RESPIRATE! THIS WILL HEAL YOUR WOUNDS!

WE ARE NOT A WARLIKE RACE... WE HAVE NO WISH TO KILL YOUR KIND!

YOU...?!

YOU'RE FROM THE ATTACKING SPACE CRUISER?

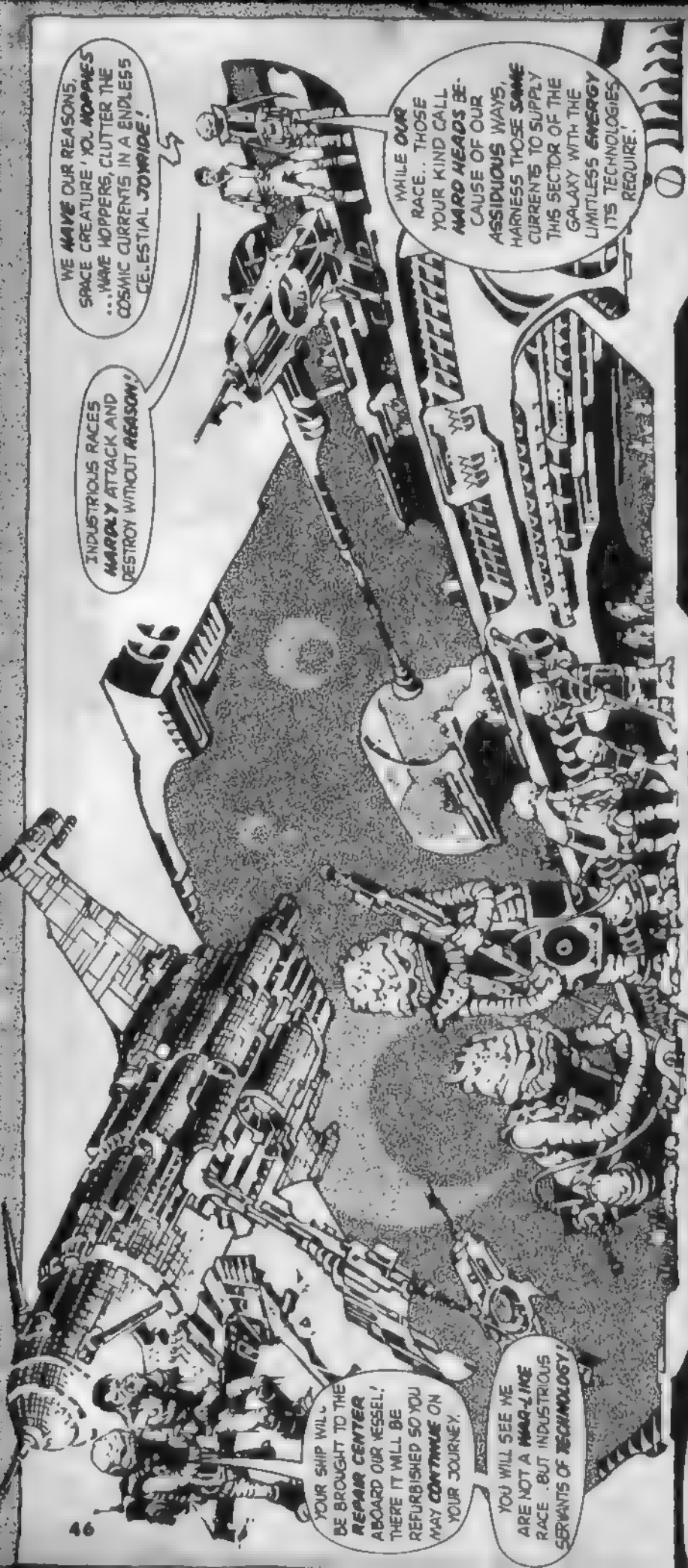
YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR DESTROYING THOSE EXPLORERS..?

FOR WRECKING MY SHIP AND STRANDING ME HERE AT THE EDGE OF THE UNIVERSE?

WHY?!



YOUR SHIP WILL
BE DAMAGED,
CREATURE / AS WILL ALL
OF THE OTHER VESSELS
WE HAVE DAMAGED."
ONCE THE REMAINING
BATTLEERS HAVE BEEN
OVERTAKEN AND THE
WARFARE ENDED!



WE HAVE OUR REASONS.
SPACE CREATURE 'YOU HOPPER'
...WAVE HOPPERS, CLUTTER THE
COSMIC CURRENTS IN AN ENDLESS
CELESTIAL JOURNEY!

INDUSTRIOUS RACES
HARDLY ATTACK AND
DESTROY WITHOUT REASON!

WHILE OUR
RACE... THOSE
YOUR KIND CALL
HARD HEADS BE-
CAUSE OF OUR
ASSIDUOUS WAYS,
HARNESS THOSE SAME
CURRENTS TO SUPPLY
THIS SECTOR OF THE
GALAXY WITH THE
LIMITLESS ENERGY
ITS TECHNOLOGIES
REQUIRE!

YOUR SHIP WILL
BE BROUGHT TO THE
REPAIR CENTER
ABOARD OUR VESSEL!
THERE IT WILL BE
REFURBISHED SO YOU
MAY CONTINUE ON
YOUR JOURNEY.

YOU WILL SEE WE
ARE NOT A WAR-LIKE
RACE... BUT INDUSTRIAL
SERVANTS OF TECHNOLOGY!

... AND WE HAVE
BUILT THE PLANTS
REQUIRED TO FUL-
FILL THAT TASK!

THE UN-
FOLDING
WAVES
MUST BE
HARNESSED

WE DO NOT
PLAY, SPACE
MAN!
BUT SURELY
YOU'VE SUFFICIENT
POWER FOR A
BALANCED LIFE
OF WORK AND
PLAY!?

IT IS THE
MOST NATURAL
FORM OF
CONTINUOUS
ENERGY KNOWN!

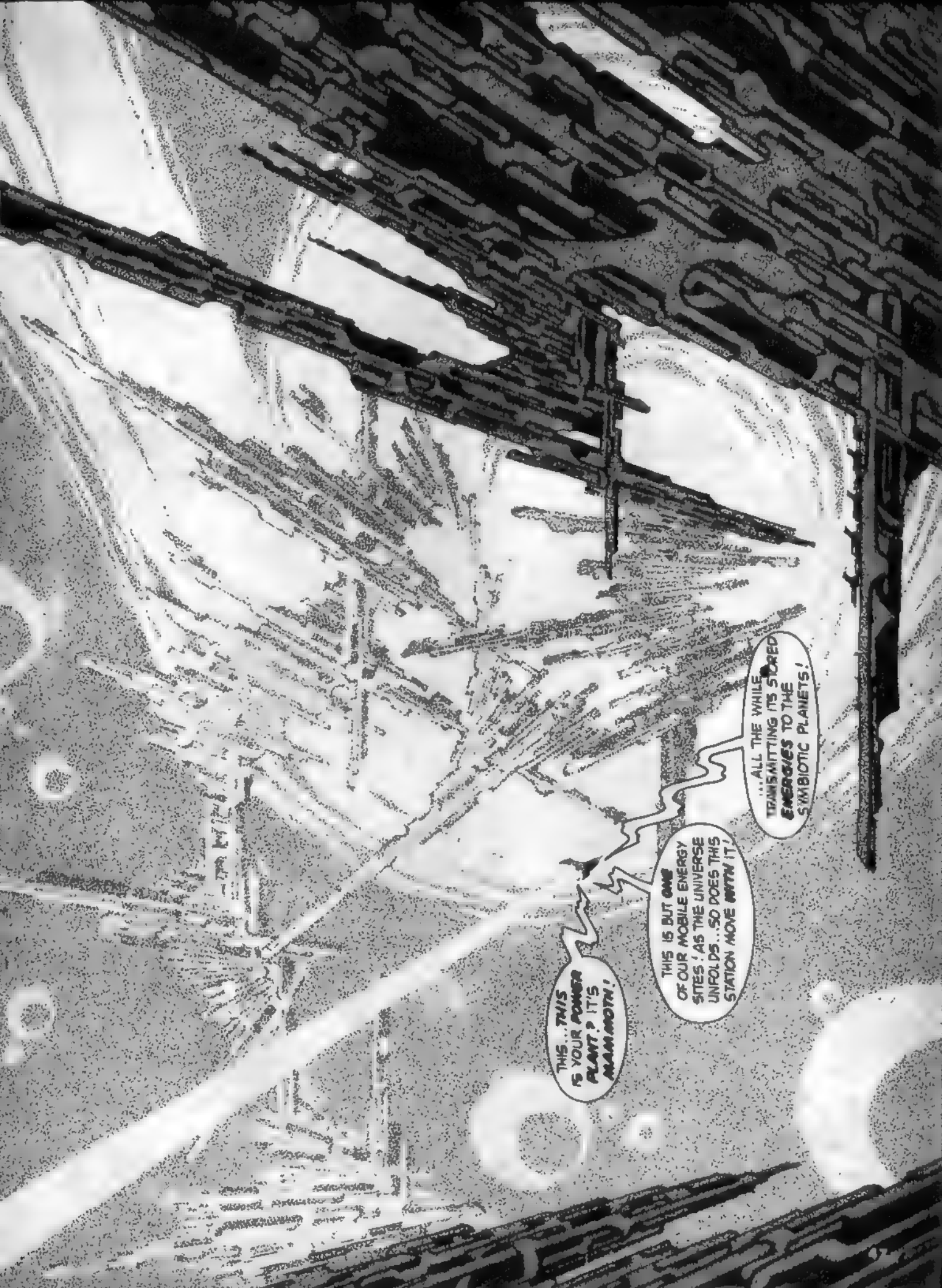
YET, LIKE
ALL ENERGY...
IT IS PRECIOUS...
AND SHOULD NOT
BE WASTED ON
MERE AMUSE-
MENT!

Y-YOU HARNESS
THE WAVES OF THE
EXPANDING
UNIVERSE?

G-GOOD
LORD!

WE TAKE OUR
TASK AS A UTILITY
COLONY WITH THE
UTMOST
SERIOUSNESS!

THE SOONER YOUR
KIND LEARNS THAT...THE
SOONER ALL RACES MAY
LIVE IN PRODUCTIVE
HARMONY!



THIS... THIS
IS YOUR POWER
PLANT? IT'S
MAMMOTH!

THIS IS BUT ONE
OF OUR MOBILE ENERGY
SITES! AS THE UNIVERSE
UNFOLDS... SO DOES THIS
STATION MOVE WITH IT!

...ALL THE WHILE
TRANSMITTING ITS STORED
ENERGIES TO THE
SYMBIOTIC PLANETS!



INCREDIBLE! AN
ENTIRE SOCIETY
PROVIDING FOR THE
NEEDS OF A GALAXY!

ONLY THIS
GUARDIAN OF
THE GALAXY, SPACE
MAN!

NONETHELESS
MY OWN ENERGY-
STARVED PEOPLE
WOULD BE
AMAZED!

I DON'T THINK
MY WORLD'S WITHIN
YOUR **POWER GUARDANT**!

PERHAPS THEY SHOULD
CONSIDER ENGAGING OUR
SERVICES! FOR A MERE
TWENTY BILLION QUAAHOOLES
A MONTH WE CAN **LIGHT UP**
A **SOLAR SYSTEM**!

WHY! NOT MUCH
WE CAN DO FOR YOU
FOLKS IN THE **BOONIES**!



...RETLIATING
FOR OUR EARLIER
ASSAULT!

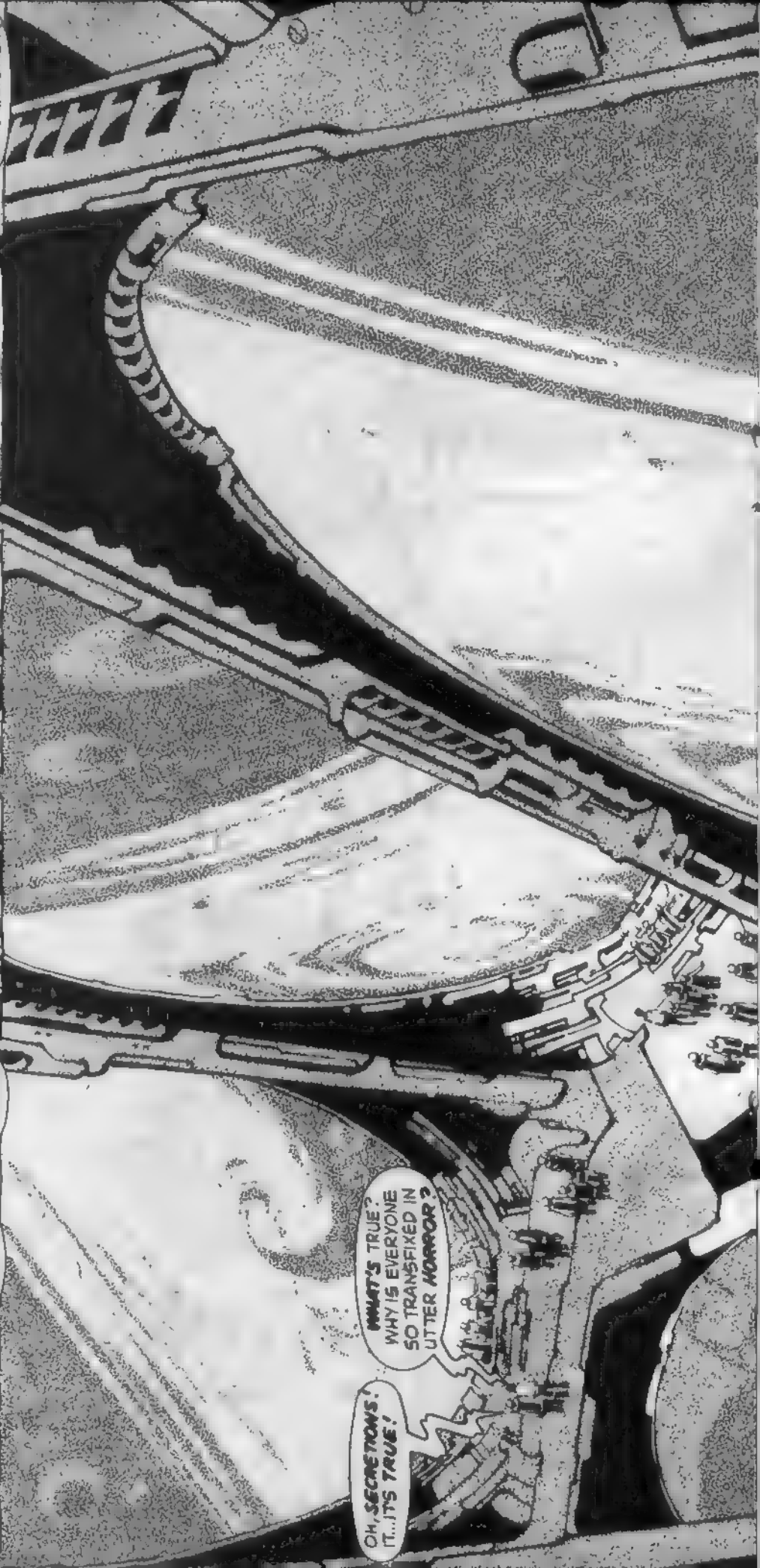
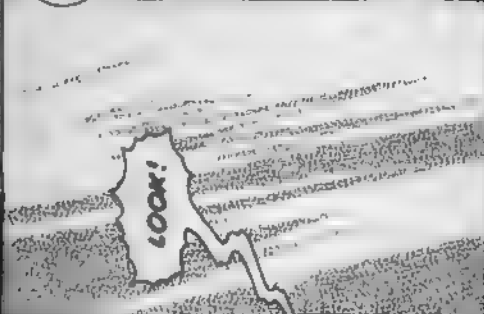
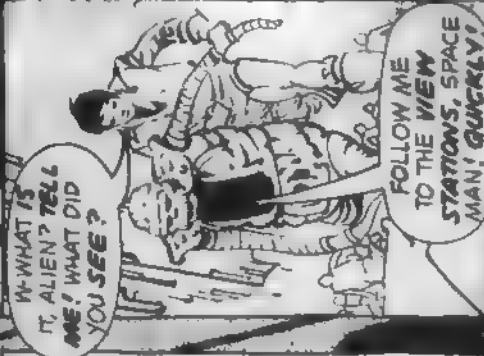
THEY. THEY'RE
ATTACKING..

IT'S YOUR
FRIENDS, THE
WAVE HOPPERS
SPACE MAN!

BY THE COSMIC GODS!

...HOPPIE
ATTACK
VESSELS!

COMMANDER!
I'M PICKING UP
UNIDENTIFIED IN-
COMING TRAFFIC!
ON THE SCANNERS!
IT... IT LOOKS LIKE



FOLLOW ME TO THE VIEW STATIONS, SPACE MAN! QUICKLY!

BY THE STELLAR GODS THEY DO SEE SOMETHING!

WHY HAVE THEY CEASED THEIR ATTACK?

PSHH! IT'S ONLY MY SENSORY ORGAN! IT'LL GROW BACK!

WHAT'S TRUE? WHY IS EVERYONE SO TRANSFIXED IN UTTER HORROR?

OH, SECRECTIONS! IT... IT'S TRUE!

OPEN YOUR EYES!
SPACE CREATURE!
CAN'T YOU SEE?

THE WHITE VOID
BEYOND THE WAVES
IS NO LONGER A VAST
SEA OF EMPTINESS!

THERE'S...THERE'S
ANOTHER **UNIVERSE**
OUT THERE! AND IT'S
EXPANDING **TOWARDS** US
RAPIDLY AS OUR OWN
UNIVERSE SPEEDS TO-
WARDS IT!

A-ANOTHER UNIVERSE!
BUT THAT'S...IMPOSSIBLE!

TWO UNIVERSES
COLLIDING! IT...IT
WILL BE **DEVASTATION**
THE LIKE OF WHICH HAS
NEVER BEEN SEEN!

IMPOSSIBLE OR
NOT...THERE IT IS,
MY FRIEND!

AND ALL WE'VE
GOT TO WORRY ABOUT
IS WHAT WILL HAPPEN
WHEN THE WAVES OF
OUR UNIVERSE CREST
AGAINST THE THUNDERING
WAVES OF THAT **ADVANC-**
ING UNIVERSE!

MY GOD! ALL
CREATION WILL BE
EXTINGUISHED IN
ONE CATASTROPHIC
EXPLOSION!

THIS IS THE
ENO, SPACE MAN!

LOOK! THE
HOPPIES!
THEY'RE
LANDING!

THEY'RE
COMING TO
DO WHAT WE
SHOULD HAVE
DONE **ROWS**
AGO... MAKE
AMENDS WITH
THEIR ENEMY!

NO ONE...
NOTHING
CAN HALT THE
ADVANCING
TIDES!

THIS IS
THE DAY WE
MEET OUR
DOOM!

WITH UTTER
DEVASTATION FACING
US...THERE SIMPLY IS
NO MORE **TIME**...NO
MORE REASON FOR
DIFFERENCES!

NO! NOOOO!
WAIT! THE TIDES...!
THEY'RE NOT
IMPACTING!

THEY...
THEY'RE...!

THEY'RE
CRESTING
HARMLESSLY!

WE'RE SAVED,
SPACE MAN! THE
TWO UNIVERSES ARE
NOT COLLIDING!

BUT
HOW?

HURRY, ALIEN...
INTO MY WHIZZER!
WE MUST SEE WHAT
HAS AVERTED THE
CLASH!

COMRADE!

WE MEET
OUR MAKER
TOGETHER!

FRIEND!

BROTHER!

ALIEN! LOOK!
THE COSMIC WAVES!
THEY... THEY'RE
ABOUT TO CLASH!

THEN... THIS IS
THE END, SPACE MAN!
I AM PLEASED TO
HAVE CALLED YOU
FRIEND!

THE WAVES OF BOTH UNIVERSES ARE **RECEDING**!

IT'S AS IF THEY HAD EXPANDED AS **FAR** AS THE UNIVERSAL FORCES WOULD **ALLOW**!

BUT WHAT **NOW**, SPACE MAN? OUR UNIVERSE IS NO LONGER **EXPANDING**! IT'S **COLLAPSING INWARDS**!

NE... WE'LL STILL BE **DESTROYED**!

THEN... FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A MILLENNIUM... THE WAVES **CREATED**... LAPPING HARMLESSLY AT THE SHORES OF THE OPPOSING GALAXIES, BEFORE **RECEDING** BACK INTO THEIR RESPECTIVE UNIVERSES!

THAT'S **TRUE** ENOUGH, ALIEN! BUT IF THE TIDES **RECED** AT THE SAME PACE THEY **ADVANCED**... IT SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER TWENTY TO THIRTY **BILLION YEARS** BEFORE OUR UNIVERSE FOLDS IN UPON ITSELF!

BY THAT TIME, OUR DESCENDANTS SHOULD HAVE WORKED OUT **SOME** MODE OF SURVIVAL... WHETHER IT'S ESCAPING INTO ARTIFICIAL CITIES BUILT WITHIN THE **VOID**... OR SIMPLY RELOCATING TO ONE OF THE **ALTERNATE UNIVERSES**!

WE NOW KNOW THERE ARE AT LEAST **TWO** UNIVERSES! AND WHO KNOWS **HOW** MANY OTHERS LURK OUT THERE, WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED?

THE THOUGHT OF THAT ALONE, IS ENOUGH TO MAKE ONE FEEL **PRETTY SMALL**!

SPEAKING OF **KNOWLEDGE**... THAT'S WHAT I CAME TO **FIND**! TO TRAVERSE **TIME** ITSELF... AND WITNESS THE **BEGINNING** AND **END**... OF **CREATION**!

YET, EITHER WAY, MY FRIEND... I DON'T THINK WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT **IMPENDING DOOM**! YOUR PEOPLE CAN STILL HARNESS YOUR ENERGY FROM THE **RECEDING** WAVES...

T-TIME? THIS... THIS IS A **TIME VESSEL**?

IT SURELY IS! AND **WITHIN**, YOU AND I WILL WITNESS THAT WHICH NO EYES HAVE **EVER** SEEN... I THINK!



THERE IT IS! ALL
THAT **MATTER** IN OUR
UNIVERSE...EVERY **WORLD**...
EVERY PARTICLE OF **DUST** IN
EXISTANCE...COLLAPSING INTO
ITSELF...

...FORMING ONE
MASSIVE **SPHERE** OF
MATTER IN AN ENDLESS
VOID OF **NOTHINGNESS**!

THIS IS UNMATCHED
BEAUTY... THE UN-
PARALLELED MIRACLE
OF **BIRTH**!

AND **THERE**!
LOOK, MY FRIEND...!
THOSE FIRST SWIRLING
PARTICLES...BREAKING
AWAY TO BUILD A **NEW**
UNIVERSE...NEW **WORLDS**...
WITH NEW **LIVES**!

I SEE YET **ANOTHER**
MIRACLE, SPACE MAN!
HOPPIES AND HARD HEADS
WORKING AND **PLAYING** AT
EACH OTHERS SIDE!

AND THERE YOU HAVE
IT! THE NEVER-ENDING CYCLE
OF **BIRTH**, **DEATH**, AND **NEW**
LIFE RISING FROM THE **ASHES**!

SOMEHOW...
WITH **DESTRUCTION**
SO CLOSE, I KNEW
YOU WOULD FIND
MUTUAL **COOPERATION**!

MAYBE... JUST MAYBE
YOUR PEOPLE CAN TEACH
THE HOPPES THE PLEASURE
OF **LABOR**...WHILE THEY
TEACH YOU THE ART OF
RELAXATION!

SO AM I,
SPACE MAN!
SO AM I,
I!

I'M GLAD I WAS
HERE TO SEE UNIVERSAL
COOPERATION ACHIEVED

WHILE... BACK ON PRESENT DAY
EARTH...?

PULL, YA
MANGY TIN
VARMINT!

GET ME LOOSE
AFORE THIS ROBOT
'SEMBLER Buries US
IN THESE NO-ACCOUNT
MACHINES!

I... I'M
PULLING, MASTER
BISHOP!

AGHINN!

DAMMIT T'HELL, YA
BUTCHER! YA ALMOST PULLED
M'PINKIE CLEAN OUTTA ITS
LITTLE SOCKET! MAMMA!

I BEG YOUR FOR-
GIVENESS, MASTER
BISHOP...! BUT AT LEAST
THE MACHINE HAS STOPPED!

WE DON'T HAVE
TO WORRY ABOUT IT
TURNING OUT ANY
MORE AUTOMATIONS!

ALL WE GOTTA WORRY
'BOUT NOW IS CLEANIN' THIS
MESS 'FORE M'DOY NESTIN GITS
BACK! HE'LL SKIN US ALIVE FOR
MESSIN' WITH HIS GIZMO!

MANNERS... AFTER
WHAT I'VE WITNESSED
TODAY... THIS COULDN'T
BE MORE INCON-
SEQUENTIAL!

Y-YOU MEAN
YOU'RE NOT ANGRY
AT US, SIR... FOR
CLUTTERING YOUR
LABORATORY WITH
THESE... THESE
COMMON MACHINES?

Y'KNOW, BOY...
SOMETIMES I DON'T
UNDERSTAND YOU
AT ALL!

IT... IT WASN'T I,
SIR! REALLY! IT'S
MASTER BISHOP'S
FAULT...!

M-ME?
SON,
SURELY...

UH OH!
SPEAKIN' A
TROUBLE...

POPT!

END

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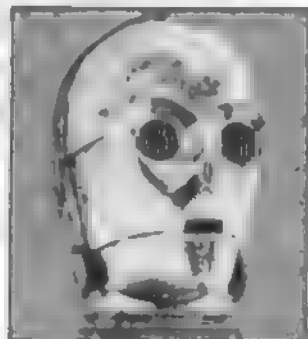
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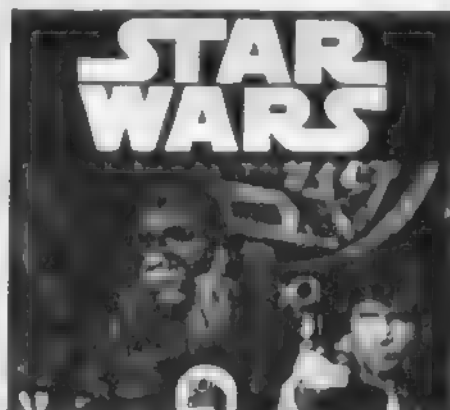


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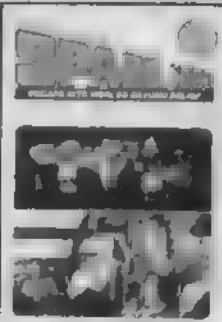
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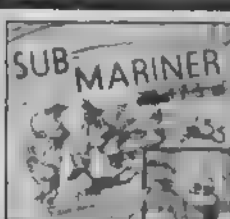
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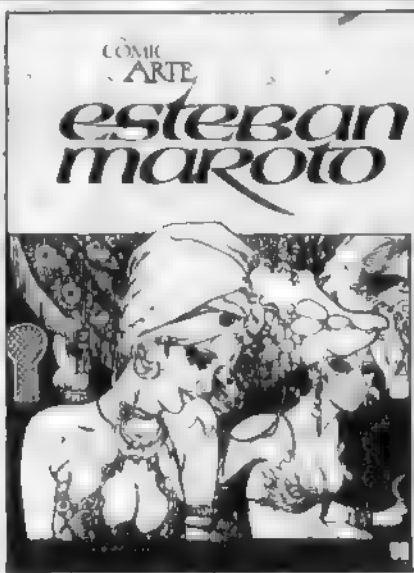
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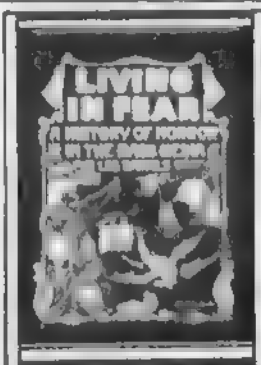
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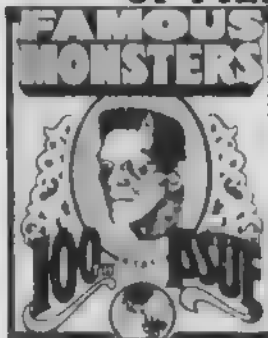
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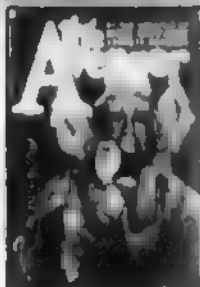
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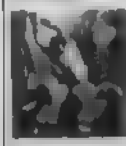
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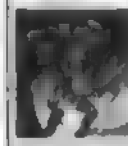
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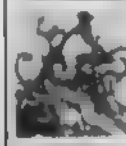
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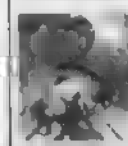
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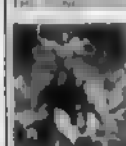
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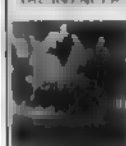
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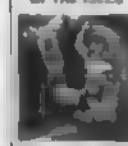
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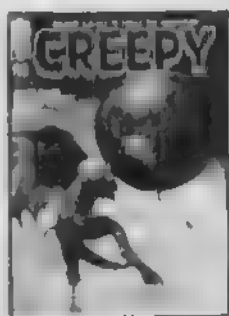
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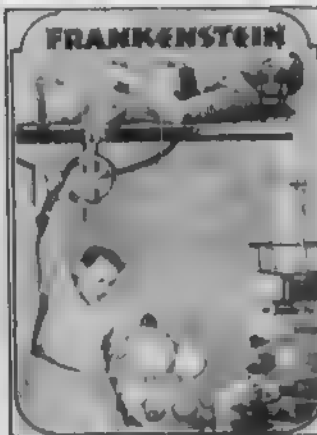
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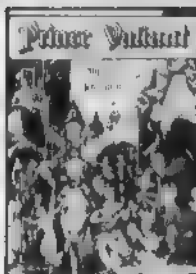
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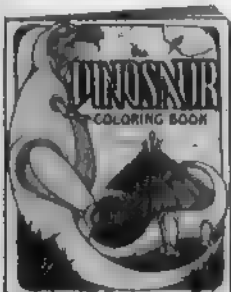


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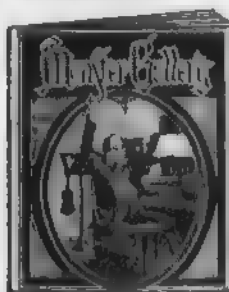
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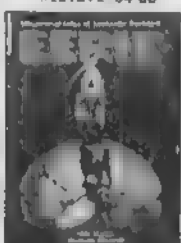
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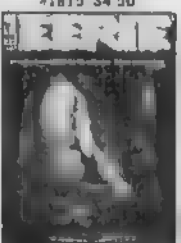
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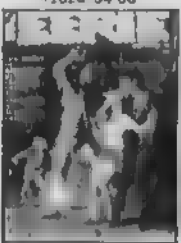
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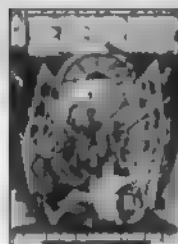
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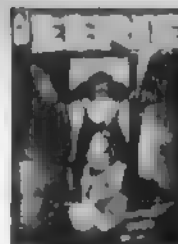
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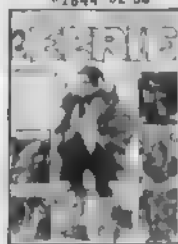
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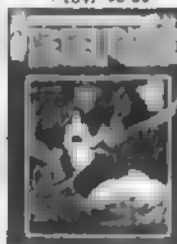
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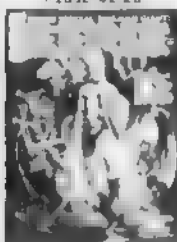
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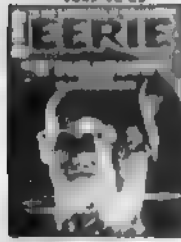
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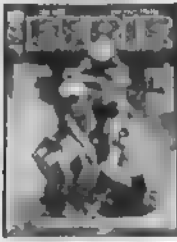
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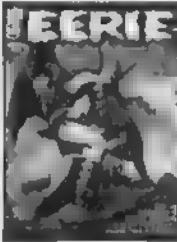
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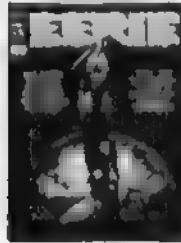
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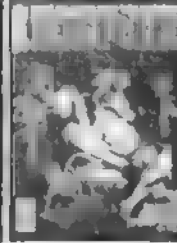
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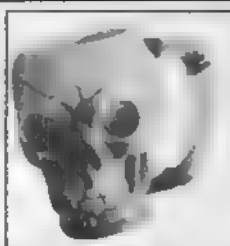
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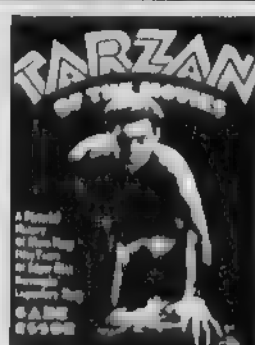
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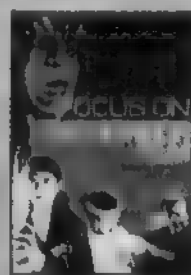
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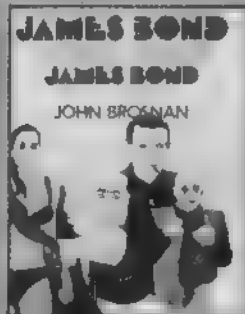
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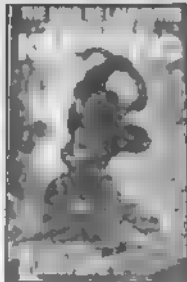
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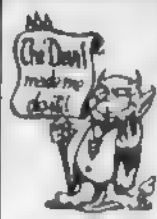
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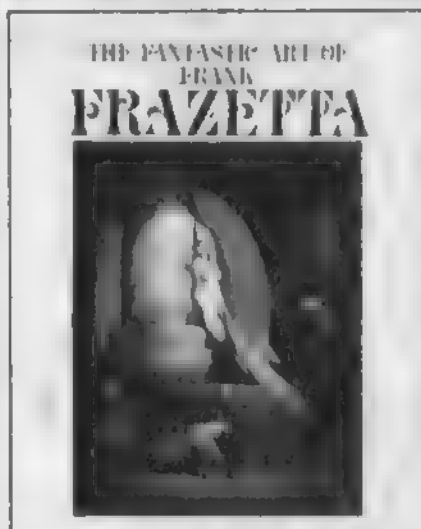


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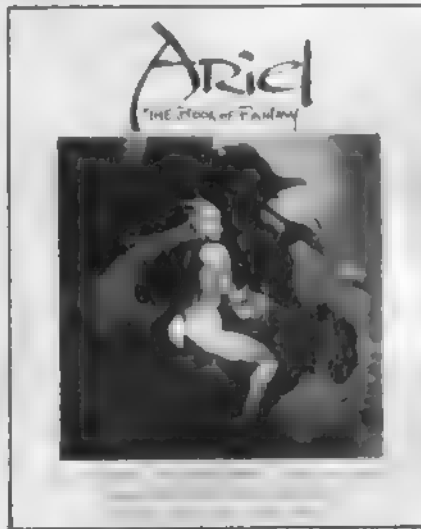
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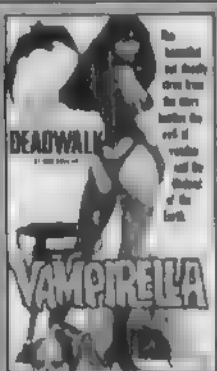
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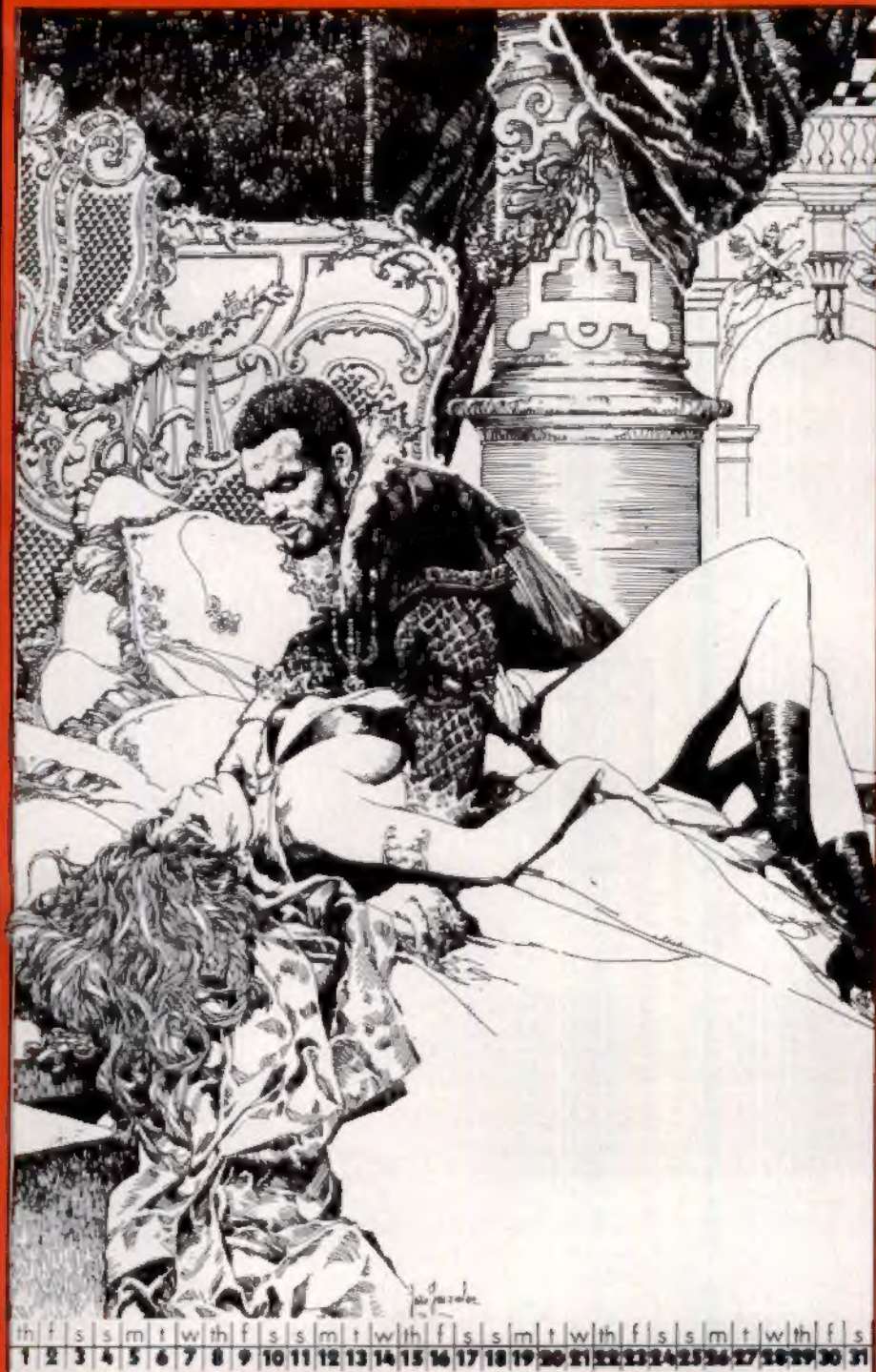
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